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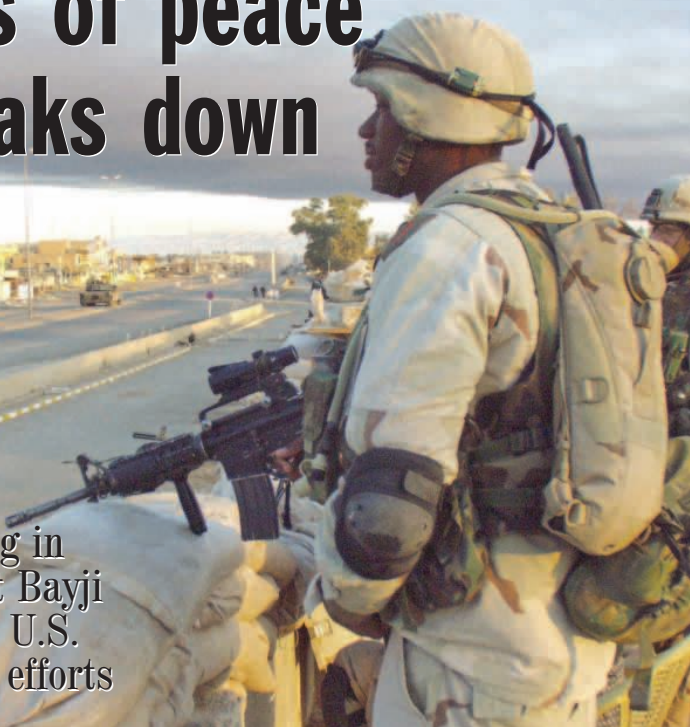
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Uprising in once-quiet Bayji disrupts U.S. rebuilding efforts

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Under a sooty cloud from a nearby oil refinery, Sgt. Melvin Davis, 32, of Battery B of the 1st Infantry Division's Task Force 1-7, surveys the empty main street of Bayji, Iraq. The street has been closed to Iraqi traffic during the day for the past several weeks since a violent uprising began in the city, including a car bombing that injured three U.S. soldiers. Troops say they can't understand why the people of Bayji side with the terrorists when Americans have built new buildings for them and given gifts to many of the city's children.

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Mount St. Helens: A 3.1-magnitude earthquake shook the crater at Mount St. Helens on Saturday, the strongest quake at the volcano since mid-October. U.S. Geological Survey scientists said they do not believe a major eruption is imminent — just a continuation of the minor ash and steam eruptions that have been occurring since the mountain reraised this fall. Scientists hoped good weather Sunday and Monday would allow them to get a better look at the volcano.

World

Russian school siege: The head of a parliamentary commission investigating the September hostage siege at a school in southern Russia said there is evidence pointing to involvement by a foreign intelligence agency, the Interfax news agency reported Saturday. The statement was the latest of several in which Russian officials and politicians have alleged that foreigners were involved in the Sept. 1-3 attack on a school in the southern town of Beslan, which ended in bloody chaos and left more than 330 people dead, many of them children.

Russian officials initially said the attackers killed at the school included nine or 10 Arabs, but they never provided any proof of that.

China airliner crash: Experts have decoded the flight recorder of an airliner that exploded and crashed into a lake in northern China, killing 55 people, but the cause of the accident remained unclear, according to official reports.

The flight data and cockpit voice recorders were pulled Wednesday from the icy lake near the city of Baotou where the China Eastern Airlines plane crashed Nov. 21 seconds after takeoff. Authorities have said they found no evidence of terrorism.

All 47 passengers and six crew members aboard the Canadian-built Bombardier CRJ-200 plane were killed. Two people were killed on the ground.

Abu Sayyaf leader killed: Government troops killed a leader of the notorious Muslim extremist group Abu Sayyaf in a shootout in the southern Philippines, officials said Sunday.

Munap Manialath, also known as Commander Munap, was killed Saturday in a firefight with Philippine army and navy troops in southern Basilan island's Isabela city, Philippine army spokesman Maj. Bartolome Bacarao said in a statement.

Washington has blacklisted the Abu Sayyaf — notorious for kidnappings and beheadings — as a terrorist group, and has offered a \$5



Slain hunters: Mourners react Saturday as they watch hearses carrying the caskets of Robert and Joseph Crotteau pull away from St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Rice Lake, Wis. Robert Crotteau, 42, and his son, Joseph, 20, were two of six hunters shot and killed in northwestern Wisconsin on Nov. 21.

Both were acute in a confrontation with another hunter. The funeral for another victim, Allan Laski, was held later Saturday. The man accused in the shootings, Chai Vang, 36, of St. Paul, Minn., remained in jail awaiting formal charges.

million reward for information leading to the capture of its top leaders, including Abu Sayyaf chief Khaddafy Janjalani.

The Abu Sayyaf began a kidnapping spree in May 2001, seizing a total of 102 people, including three Americans, one of whom was beheaded.

SARS vaccine test: Thirty-six Chinese volunteers participating in the world's first SARS human vaccine tests are "in good condition," the official Xinhua News Agency said Sunday.

The volunteers were injected between May and August as part of China's aggressive research aimed at preventing a new outbreak of severe acute respiratory syndrome, which first emerged in 2002 in the southern province of Guangdong.

It is too soon to tell if the vaccine is effective, Xinhua said, citing Dr. Zhong Nanshan, a SARS expert. He said test results will be released in January.

Mexico federal agent killings: Four federal

al police officers were suspended without pay as prosecutors investigate alleged police negligence in the vigilante killings of two federal agents this week, officials said Saturday.

The two victims and a third agent, who survived, were photographing an elementary school in San Juan Ixtovyon on Mexico City's southern outskirts for an anti-drug operation when they were mistaken for kidnappers Tuesday.

The men were seized by an angry crowd and savagely beaten. Two of them were doused with paint thinner and set ablaze, and their deaths were captured on tape and repeatedly televised nationwide.

Equatorial Guinea coup plot: The British government was given details of an alleged plot to overthrow the government of Equatorial Guinea, including the names of mercenaries and the expected date of the attack, months in advance, a newspaper reported Sunday.

According to The Observer, two senior British intelligence officers were sent detailed reports in December 2003 and January 2004 by former South African special forces commander Johann Smith, who had learned of the plot.

The alleged plot was exposed in March by South African intelligence services.

War on terrorism

Gitmo tribunals: Two alleged members of the ousted Taliban regime and a man accused of links to the al-Qaida network appeared Saturday before review tribunals at the U.S. naval base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, an official said.

All three men spoke at their hearings, but the military has provided no transcripts of statements made at the review tribunals. No names or nationalities were released.

French hostages in Iraq: Two French hostages held captive for more than 100 days appear to be alive and in good spirits, a British newspaper that received film footage of the men reported Sunday.

The Sunday Times said it had a CD-ROM recording in which Christian Chesnot says he and his fellow reporter Georges Mourant are being well treated by their captors "although their hospitality is not like a five-star hotel." The newspaper said it believed the recording had been made earlier this month.

The men disappeared Aug. 20 while driving to the Iraqi city of Najaf. Their Syrian driver, Mohammed al-Jundi, also was captured but was rescued Nov. 11 by U.S. Marines sweeping Falluja.

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Camp Walker may get new housing in '06

BY FRANKLIN FISHER
Stars and Stripes

PYONGTAEK, South Korea — The Army is seeking approval to build a mid-rise housing complex at Camp Walker that would create 300 new apartments — three times the number available to families on post.

Officials are hoping that final approval will come in February or March for the project, which would see construction of five 10-story buildings near Walker's golf course.

Construction would start sometime next August, and the complex would open in September 2006, said Richard Byron, build-to-lease manager for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Far East District office in Seoul.

"We're still in the planning stages — nothing's been approved, but a lot of people are doing a lot of hard work to make it happen," said Chuck Youngblood, the Army's chief of Area IV Housing at Camp Henry.

The buildings would house three-, four- and five-bedroom apartments. The smallest would measure 1,700 square feet. By comparison, a typical ranch-style home in the United States with three bedrooms, a kitchen and living room runs from 1,400 to 1,600 square feet, said Youngblood, who is also a licensed real estate broker and appraiser.

Underground parking would afford each family two parking spaces for American-sized cars, he said. Also in the underground garage, each family will have its own storage space.

"They're large enough you can put a bicycle in it along with your stereo boxes," said Youngblood. "They're pretty good size."

Engineers and housing specialists have spent the past year working up details for the housing complex, Youngblood said.

Planners with the Army's Installation



Courtesy of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Mid-rise apartment towers, similar to this artist's rendering of towers planned for an expanded Camp Humphreys, could be approved for Camp Walker, tripling the amount of available housing.

Management Agency-Korea Region Office in Seoul have submitted a detailed proposal for the project to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Far East District Office in Seoul, Byron said.

The Army soon will invite developers to bid for the contract; the contractor, once selected, would produce blueprints and related plans, he said.

U.S. Forces Korea and KORO then would have to approve the contractor's

plan.

The project would be in the "build-to-lease" category: the developer, not the Army, would pay to build the housing complex out of its own pocket; the Army then would lease the buildings from the contractor, in the form of rents.

The existing Army Family Housing area at Walker consists of 50 one-story houses, nearly all of them two-family duplexes, for a total of 100 dwelling units.

Plans call for tearing down about 25 of the houses to clear space for the new towers. But Youngblood said officials are exploring whether even more of the existing apartments can be saved from the wrecking ball.

"We're looking at all options," said Youngblood. "It's all under review. Instead of taking out 50, we're looking at maybe taking out 40, trying to save some."

The Army in Taegu also maintains a family housing area at nearby Camp George — a 200-apartment complex, with 198 units occupied by families.

In working up their plan for new Walker housing, officials are aiming for a complex similar to the Army's new apartment developments at Camp Humphreys in Pyongtaek and Yongsan Garrison's South Post in Seoul, Youngblood said.

But they've also looked for ways to improve upon the Humphreys-Yongsan model, Youngblood said.

"We looked at those designs," Youngblood said. "We actually went into the buildings, talked to people there and took notes. We're putting all of that into our concept ..."

"Those buildings at Camp Walker were built in 1958 and 1959 and we take good care of them, but the size of the apartments was always too small to meet the size of our families today," Youngblood said.

"We have a lot more children now" in military communities "than we had in 1959," so our space requirements are a lot more."

Those eligible to live in Camp Walker's existing family housing area are field grade officers and sergeant majors.

"However, with these new apartments, that will change," Youngblood said.

The Army will decide later just what categories of military personnel would be eligible to live in the proposed complex, he said.

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Navy confirms death

U.S. Navy officials confirmed that the body of man discovered in the waters off Guam on Friday was a sailor, according to the Pacific Daily News.

The Navy is "85 percent" sure the sailor is from the Guam-based USS Frank Cable, Lt. Arwen Consaul, Guam Navy Base spokeswoman told the paper. The Pacific Daily News reported that two fishermen found the body in the Asan Channel around 5:20 p.m. on Friday and that Consaul confirmed the sailor was found in final diving gear.

Navy officials were unavailable to comment late Sunday afternoon.

Civil Air Patrol birthday

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — The Yokota Cadet Squadron will celebrate the 63rd birthday of the Civil Air Patrol on Wednesday, said Capt. Nina P. Cuijpers, the unit's deputy commander.

Throughout the day, the cadets will tour several aviation-related facilities on base, including the 36th Airlift Squadron, a C-130 and its maintenance-propeller shop. They'll also hear about survival techniques as they attend a cake-cutting ceremony at 4:30 p.m. in the Yokota Community Center.

According to its Web site, the Civil Air Patrol was conceived in the late 1930s by New Jersey aviation pioneer, Gill Robb Wilson, who foresaw aviation's role in war and its potential to supplement America's military operations. With the help of then-New York Mayor Fiorello La Guardia, the all-volunteer civilian auxiliary outfit was established on Dec. 1, 1941, just days before the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor.

Four more found dead in Tokyo

TOKYO — Four men were found dead Sunday in a sealed Tokyo apartment littered with charcoal stoves, a scene police said appeared to be Japan's latest suicide pact.

It appeared the four died of carbon monoxide poisoning, police said.

Suicides in Japan hit a record high last year, exceeding 32,000.

Last week in two separate incidents, six people were discovered dead in deserted cars — also strewn with charcoal stoves. In October, seven people killed themselves in what police said was Japan's largest-ever mass suicide.

Japan has recently suffered a rash of suicides, with many involving people who met over the Internet. According to the National Police Agency, 45 people committed suicide in groups after meeting online between January 2003 and June 2004.

Earthquake rocks Hokkaido

TOKYO — A powerful earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 7.1 struck Japan's northern island of Hokkaido early Monday, swaying buildings, throwing objects off shelves and triggering a tiny tsunami wave that reached the shore.

Eight people were injured by the 3:32 a.m. quake, but there were no immediate reports of damage.

Japan's Meteorological Agency quickly issued a tsunami warning for the eastern shores of Hokkaido's Pacific coastal area. Tsunami are potentially dangerous waves triggered by seismic activity.

But agency official Masahiro Yamamoto later told a televised news conference that the agency had lifted its warning, saying it had detected a 4-inch tsunami and expected only small changes in the ocean's surface.

The quake was centered off Hokkaido's east coast, about 550 miles northwest of Tokyo, 30 miles below the sea surface.

The initial tremor was followed by a 4.6-magnitude aftershock about a half hour later.

Hundreds of homes temporarily lost power and natural gas services, NHK reported.

From news and staff reports

Eagle 810 features new security call-in show

BY VINCE LITTLE
Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — A new Eagle 810 call-in show featuring military police chatting about various law-enforcement issues on Kanto Plain bases returns to the airwaves Friday.

The Nov. 5 debut broadcast was hosted by Tech. Sgt. Bobby Herron and included Master Sergeants Alain Clifford and James Edge of Yokota's 374th Security Forces Squadron. Topics included parking, running unattended vehicles, seat belts and speeding.

"The show was created in an attempt to get pertinent law enforcement and police information out to the public," said Clifford, the commissioned officer in charge of police services for the 374th Security Forces Squadron. "I pitched it to our commander and operations superintendent, and we got the ball rolling."

Security forces officials floated the concept to the American Forces Network, which wanted to ensure the subject matter applied to all U.S. military installations on the Kanto Plain.

So Herron, the noncommissioned officer in charge of radio for Detachment 10 AFNWS,

worked with Clifford to trigger a steady flow of information from Camp Zama, Atsugi Naval Air Facility, Yokosuka Naval Base and Camp Fuji.

"We wanted to inform and answer questions our audience has been dealing with, things like traffic, law-enforcement and force protection issues," Herron said. "In the future, we'd like to incorporate more live call-in questions. We want to disseminate information that the public is interested in and that will keep them from getting a ticket or being apprehended."

Clifford and Edge will be back for Friday's episode, with Petty Officer 2nd Class Rhonda Davis, Eagle 810's regular Morning Show disc jockey, serving as host.

"Hopefully, we can make it a source of valid information for the personnel assigned to the Kanto Plain," he added. "People will be able to call, fax or e-mail their questions and get answers to their questions."

The security forces show is slated to air the first Friday of every month at 7:30 a.m. Listeners may call in at DSN 225-2379 or 042-552-2510, ext. 5-2379. They also can e-mail questions at afn.eagle810@yokota.af.mil.

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Official: Iraqi vote must go on as planned

BY SLOBODAN LEKIC
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraq's deputy prime minister said holding elections in January will be "a serious challenge," but he insisted Sunday they must go ahead as scheduled. As part of the effort to address security concerns, U.S. troops and Iraqi paramilitary police arrested 43 suspected insurgents in the northern city of Mosul, the military said.

In Samarra, 60 miles north of Baghdad, a car bomb killed six people and injured five others. Two American soldiers were injured in an attack on their convoy in Baghdad.

Barham Saleh said delaying the scheduled Jan. 30 vote would have "serious ramifications to the political process" and would bolster the cause of terrorists.

"Under the law it cannot be postponed and the government is on the premise that the elections will be held on time," Saleh told the British Broadcasting Corp.

Iraq's continuing insurgency is hampering reconstruction and threatening the national elections. U.S. officials and their British allies see the elections as a key step toward returning power to Iraqis, a prerequisite for withdrawing coalition forces.

Sunni Muslim politicians have called for postponing the election, although the country's powerful Shiite clergy and the interim government oppose a delay.

The spokesman for interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi, a secular Shiite, said Saturday the government was sticking by the Jan. 30 date after receiving assurances from the Iraqi Electoral Commission that an election could take place even in Sunni areas wracked by the insurgency.

Saleh acknowledged there were security problems in certain areas but said the assault on the insurgent stronghold of Fallujah would deny the terrorists "a major safe haven."

"Sticking to that timetable will be difficult, will be a serious challenge," he said. "But delaying elections will be much more difficult because it will have serious ramifications to the political process, to the issue of legitimacy, and surely all of us do not want to give the terrorists the slightest of technical wins in that situation."

The blast in Samarra occurred as a minibus drove past a school in the T-Nissan district of the city, said police Maj. Qasim Mohammedi. All the casualties were passengers in the minibus, he said.

U.S. and Iraqi troops regained control of Samarra from insurgents during military operations in September but the city remains uneasy.

In Mosul, the 43 suspected insurgents were arrested as part of an ongoing operation to re-establish control of Iraq's third-largest city, a military statement said.

Members of Task Force Olympia — which is responsible for security in Mosul and northern Iraq — and Iraqi police commands



U.S. Army and Iraqi National Guard soldiers remove a body Sunday found near a cemetery in Mosul, Iraq. Ten bodies were recovered Sunday in Mosul, where at least 50 people have been murdered in the past 10 days. Most of the victims are believed to have been supporters of Iraq's interim government or members of its fledgling security forces.

conducted a series of raids throughout the city on Saturday, the statement said.

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On Sunday, a militant group led by Jordanian terrorist Abu Musab al-Zarqawi claimed responsibility for the deaths of 17 members of Iraq's security forces and a Kurdish militiaman in Mosul in the previous two days. The claim, posted on an Islamic Web site, could not be independently verified.

The killings appear to be part of a campaign of violence against

government supporters launched by rebels after an armed uprising in the city earlier this month. The bloodshed has cast doubt on the Iraqi forces' ability to protect the country.

Elsewhere, two U.S. soldiers were injured early Sunday when a car bomb exploded next to their military convoy on the road leading to Baghdad's airport, a military statement said.

The bomb damaged one vehicle, the military said, and two soldiers were taken to a military hospital.

The military statement said there were no reported civilian casualties. But the interim government's Youth Ministry reported that its general director, Ahmed Faig, and his bodyguard were injured in the attack.

Fadhil Jawad, who said he watched the attack from his roof, described a late-model luxury car overtaking the six-vehicle convoy moments before exploding in a ball of fire.

Jawad said two Humvees in the convoy were destroyed by the blast and the rest scattered off the road. Two Black Hawk helicopters arrived to evacuate wounded soldiers, he said.

A military spokesman said he could not comment on the report that two vehicles were destroyed.

The highway leading from downtown to the international airport is considered one of the most dangerous stretches of road in Iraq for U.S. troops. Insurgents regularly target military convoys and combat patrols on the busy thoroughfare.

Associated Press reporter Ed Johnson in London contributed to this report.

Japanese troops may stay in Iraq through '05

BY NATALIE
OBIRKO PEARSON
The Associated Press

TOKYO — Japan's defense chief indicated Sunday that Japanese troops could remain in Iraq through late 2005, a year longer than their current mandate, in order to fulfill their reconstruction mission.

Some 500 Japanese troops are on a humanitarian mission in the southern Iraqi city of Samawah and their mandate is set to expire on Dec. 14 this year. Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi has expressed support for extending the deployment, but the government has not yet made a decision.

Asked about a potential pull-out, Defense Minister Yoshinori Natori said several factors had to be considered, including whether the troops had fulfilled their mission to help rebuild the war-torn country and if January national elections in Iraq are successful in establishing a new government.

"Another factor to consider is that a mission by multinational troops expires next December, so that could be one cutoff point," Natori said during an appearance on a morning news program on public broadcaster NHK.

One was referring to a December 2005 deadline set by a U.N. Security Council resolution enacted in May. That resolution included steps to establish a constitutionally based government that would end the mandate of the U.S.-led multinational force in Iraq.

Many here strongly oppose Japan's dispatch and the issue has been debated fiercely in the parliament in recent days.

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A bridge is broken in Bayji



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Insurgents blew up the center support for this highway bridge near Forward Operating Base Summerrall on Nov. 13, effectively cutting off a key military supply route. Engineers from the 216th Engineer Battalion of the Ohio National Guard have nearly completed a mile-long bypass around the bridge.

In new insurgent attacks, U.S. troops lose connection to once-peaceful city

BY STEVE LIEWER
Stars and Stripes

FORWARD OPERATING BASE
SUMMERRALL, Iraq

What in the world has gone wrong in Bayji? By Iraqi standards, this crossroads city of 125,000 on the Baghdad-Mosul highway used to be peaceful. But military leaders worry that a spate of recent attacks have eroded months of U.S. work to rebuild the region.

Attacks against U.S. forces averaged fewer than one a day in the 80-by-60-mile region around Bayji, patrolled by the 1st Infantry Division's Task Force 1-7.

Then on Nov. 9, all hell broke loose. That day, insurgents attacked Task Force 1-7 patrols in several parts of the city at once and turned Bayji's main north-south artery, Highway 1, into a shooting gallery. The firefight lasted more than five hours. There were no U.S. casualties, but about 25 enemy fighters died.

On Nov. 13, rebels blew up the center support of a crucial bridge along a city bypass near FOB Summerrall, forcing convoys supplying the base to roll through the heart of the city. The next day, the rebels provoked another firefight that lasted all morning and caused more destruction to Bayji's business district.

And on Nov. 17, a suicide car bomber attacked an Army Bradley fighting vehicle, killing a dozen Iraqis and injuring more than 20 other people, including three U.S. soldiers.

"The last two weeks have been pretty intense," said 1st Sgt. Michael Grinston, 36, of Jasper, Ala., the senior non-commissioned officer in Task Force 1-7's Battery C.

During the first three weeks of November, insurgents attacked coalition military or civilian targets 82 times in the Bayji region. That was more than double the previous record of 37 attacks, set in July and equaled in October.

Task force commanders were most surprised by a big jump in roadside bombs. Soldiers have gotten better at both finding them and protecting against them; they've defused nearly half of the 56 bombs discovered this month before they detonated, and injuries have been few.

Tactically, the Bayji battles have been a huge victory for the U.S. forces. No Americans have died, and only a few have suffered injuries, while dozens of insurgents have been killed.

But Lt. Col. Kyle McClelland, the task force commander, said the battles have eroded months of strategic progress in rebuilding Bayji — especially its downtown shopping thoroughfares, which Americans call Market Street — into a busy commercial hub.

He said the insurgents have staged most of their battles from the Market Street shops, because few Iraqis live there and American vehicles make easy targets on the narrow street.

The fighting has left the downtown in ruins. Those shops not shattered by rockets and gunfire now rarely open up for business. Since the car bombing, Mc-



WAYNE SANDERS/Courtesy of the U.S. Army

Task Force 1-7 soldiers talk with Bayji shopkeepers.

Clelland has shut down traffic on Highway 1 from early morning until late afternoon each day so U.S. supply convoys can get through safely.

"You're not winning the hearts and minds of anybody this way," McClelland, 41, of Chicopee, Mass., said sadly. "All the work we've accomplished in nine months was basically destroyed in two days."

McClelland's troops are working to restore some semblance of normalcy to the strategic city, which is home to Iraq's largest oil refinery and two major power plants that together generate about one-third of the country's meager power supply.

First Lt. Mark Dilts, 31, is supervising a 22-member team of Ohio National Guardsmen from the 216th Engineer Battalion that is building a gravel bypass road around the bombed-out bridge. His soldiers and 10 pieces of heavy equipment have worked sunup to sundown each day, spreading rock and constructing a new railroad crossing while Task Force 1-7 soldiers guard them from attack.

"It's almost a mile of road that we've built," Dilts said.

The road, which Dilts hopes to have open in a few days, would let trucks bypass the city again and would allow McClelland to reopen Bayji's main road to traffic.

Like all military units in Iraq, Task Force 1-7 has funded construction of schools and medical clinics in the city. On Thursday, soldiers placed concrete barricades in front of the showpiece project, a gleaming, new \$700,000 bank.

Two new turbines also are being installed at one of the power plants, which should begin boosting the country's electrical capacity before the end of the year, according to a 1st ID news release.

"For the most part, we are making forward progress. We meet roadblocks, and we overcome them," McClelland said. "We'll leave [Bayji] better than we found it."

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"The whole city, from every side, was fighting"

BY STEVE LIEWER

Stars and Stripes

FORWARD OPERATING BASE SUMMERRALL, Iraq — Guerrillas hiding in "gasoline alley," a fuel and maintenance district on the city's south edge, opened fire on Staff Sgt. James Tucker's platoon with grenades and AK-47s as it left Bayji around midday Nov. 9 after a quiet, three-hour patrol.

Tucker's men — from Task Force 1-7, based at nearby FOB Summerrall — jumped out and flanked the insurgents while gunners laid down cover fire with 50-caliber machine guns. When they'd killed or driven off the gunmen, they discovered nine homemade bombs and some rocket-propelled grenades.

"They were setting up for an attack," said Tucker, 30, of Tulare, Calif. "It could have been a lot worse."

Within a few minutes of that encounter U.S. and Iraqi troops in several parts of the city came under fire. U.S. patrols and convoys dodged heavy gunfire all the way down Highway 1, the main north-south thoroughfare in Bayji, a city of 125,000 people.

"There was so much gunfire, we couldn't get through," said Staff Sgt. Kelvin Manning, 29, of Valdosta, Ga., a platoon sergeant in the unit's Battery C. "Pretty much the whole city, from every side, was fighting."

For most Task Force 1-7 troops who were there, it was the longest, fiercest gunbattle they'd seen during nine months in Iraq.

"(Nov. 9) was the first time in a long time we've had a straight-up fight," said Sgt. Melvin Davis of the 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment, currently assigned to Task Force 1-7.

"Usually [the rebels] just take off running," said Spc. Greg McClelland, 23, of Kalamazoo, Mich., one of Davis' soldiers.

diers. "This time, hell no, they stood their ground."

Task Force 1-7 combat platoons ran a gauntlet of rifle fire to take up positions at the police station and city hall, both on Highway 1. Tanks and Bradleys headed down "Market Street," the city's chief shopping area and the insurgents' favorite spot for mounting attacks.

The armored vehicles blasted away at nests of rebels, inflicting heavy damage on the neighborhood.

"We destroyed a lot of the buildings, the places where they fight," said Capt. Michael Byard, 30, of Trenton, N.J., the Battery C commander.

At one point, insurgents were firing at U.S. and Iraqi positions from behind a fuel truck on Highway 1. After getting permission from his commander, Tucker fired an AT4 rocket at the tanker.

It exploded in an enormous fireball that was visible for miles.

McClelland, on the police department rooftop 500 meters away, said he had to turn his head away from the intense heat.

"I don't know what happened to those [insurgents]," Tucker said, "but they weren't there anymore."

Late in the day, the opposition vanished into the city. Task Force 1-7 counted at least 20 enemy dead and left the downtown in ruins.

Soldiers can't figure out why the people in Bayji side with the terrorists when the Americans have built new buildings for them and given out toys and school supplies to the city's children.

"You hope they'll become frustrated with the [insurgents], but they're intimidated, too," Byard said. "Why do they always attack the people who are trying to help them?"

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IN THE WORLD

Diplomats: Iran agrees to full nuclear freeze

BY GEORGE JAHN
The Associated Press

VIENNA, Austria — Iran agreed Sunday not to test any centrifuges as part of a total suspension of nuclear activities that can yield weapons-grade uranium, in what diplomats described as an apparent about-face to avoid possible U.N. Security Council sanctions.

Diplomats, from the European Union and elsewhere, said the commitment, sent by letter to the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna, appeared to fulfill demands that Tehran include centrifuges in its total suspension of uranium-enrichment programs.

If it does, that would end a dispute that had threatened to escalate into possible referral of Iran to the U.N. Security Council for defying the agency.

An official from one of the countries on the 35-nation IAEA board was cautious,

Nation drops demand to exclude centrifuges, which could yield weapons-grade uranium

saying Iran in the past had insisted that "testing" centrifuges meant introducing uranium gas into them for enrichment. France, Germany and Britain — which worked out the Nov. 7 deal with Iran on suspension — say the freeze prohibits the Iranians running the centrifuges for any purpose.

A senior diplomat with nuclear expertise told The Associated Press the Iranian pledge appeared to contain no pitfalls and seemed to meet the European demands for full suspension.

But it came with strings attached — a demand that France, Germany and Britain further water down the language of a draft resolution they wrote for adoption by the

board of the IAEA on ways of policing the suspension, he said.

The letter was received by the IAEA — the U.N. nuclear agency — less than a day before its board was scheduled to reconvene in Vienna amid a building crisis on the issue of enrichment suspension.

The meeting was adjourned in disarray Friday. The pause was meant to give time for the Iranian government to approve a total freeze of its program, which can produce both low-grade nuclear fuel and weapons-grade material for the core of nuclear warheads.

Delegates were also to decide on further steps in policing Tehran's nuclear activities.

The dispute about what constituted full suspension had dominated the meeting.

Iranian officials had suggested the issue was not up for debate only hours before details emerged of their letter to the agency.

"Referral to the U.N. Security Council would not be the end of the world," Foreign Ministry spokesman Hamid Reza Asefi told reporters in Tehran earlier Sunday — alluding to the possibility that the board would ask for Security Council involvement unless Iran accepted a total suspension that included the centrifuges.

The Europeans say the deal committed Iran to full suspension of enrichment and all related activities — at least while the two sides discuss a pact meant to provide Iran with EU technical and economic aid and other concessions.

But Iran came to Thursday's opening day of the IAEA meeting with demands that it be allowed to run the 20 centrifuges — which can spin gas into enriched uranium — for research purposes.

Colombia: FARC rebels talked of targeting Bush during visit

BY ANDREW SELSKY
The Associated Press

BOGOTA, Colombia — Colombia's main rebel group asked followers to mount an assassination attempt against President Bush during his visit to Colombia last week, Defense Minister Jorge

Uribe said. There was no evidence Saturday that rebels even tried to organize such an attack.

Uribe said Friday that informants said the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, known as the FARC, told followers to attack Bush during his four-hour visit in Cartagena last

Monday, where he met with Colombian President Alvaro Uribe.

The defense minister, who is no relation to the president, said security forces were on high alert during the visit. About 15,000 Colombian troops and police, along with U.S. troops and Secret Service agents provided security.

There was no indication Bush's life was ever in danger.

Uribe did not say where the informants had heard about the purported order to attack Bush.

"We have full confidence in the fine work of the Secret Service and their work with security officials ... when the President trav-

els," White House spokesman Jim Morrill said Saturday.

The FARC has declared U.S. troops in Colombia military targets.

The troops are training local forces and providing logistics and planning assistance for military operations against the rebels.

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Gunmen kill 3 aid workers in Afghanistan

BY NOOR KHAN
The Associated Press

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — Gunmen stormed the office of an Afghan relief organization early Sunday, killing three workers and wounding four police officers in a shootout, officials and the aid group said.

A spokesman for the former ruler militia said it carried out the attack and had executed a fourth man, but claimed it targeted only a police checkpoint.

The pre-dawn assault and the recently resolved kidnapping of three U.N. staffers highlight the risks still facing reconstruction workers despite landmark elections that were designed to bring political stability three years following the Taliban's ouster.

Police said six vehicles carrying about 30 gunmen raced up to the office of the Voluntary Association for the Rehabilitation of Afghanistan in Delaram, a town in southwestern Nimroz province, early Sunday.

"A cook, a night watchman and another employee were asleep in the first room," said Najmuddin Mojaddedi, the group's regional head told The Associated Press. "The Taliban shot them dead."

Another watchman was missing, Mojaddedi said.

"The Taliban are just killing innocent people trying to help their country," Mojaddedi said. "I don't understand why they do this."

Local security forces who rushed to the scene engaged the gunmen for about an

hour. Four police officers were injured before the militants withdrew with their vehicles, deputy police chief Mohammed Rasool said.

Mullah Abdul Hakim Latifi, a man who claims to speak for the Taliban, insisted the attack was against a government checkpoint and that all the victims were soldiers. He said the missing man had been executed.

Latifi also said Taliban militants detonated the bomb which slightly injured three German soldiers in northern Afghanistan on Friday.

"We will continue to attack the United States and its allies, because they have occupied our Islamic country," he said. His claims could not be verified.

Sunday's three reported fatalities were the first for aid workers in Afghanistan since Aug. 3, when two Afghans working for the German Malteser agency died in a hail of gunfire in southeastern Pakia province.

More than 40 relief and reconstruction workers have died this year, restricting the flow of international assistance to the impoverished south and east, where the militants are defying an 18,000-strong U.S. military force.

Mojaddedi said his group would have to decide whether to pull out of the region, where it has worked for 14 years on agricultural projects.

In Delaram, it distributes seeds on behalf of the U.N. World Food Program and builds schools and wells with the help of Dutch and Italian relief groups.

Sharon ready to cooperate with new Palestinian head

BY RAMIT PLUSNICK-MASTI
The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said in an interview published Sunday he is ready to coordinate Israel's planned withdrawal from the Gaza Strip to take advantage of new opportunities created by the death of Yasser Arafat.

In separate interviews with Newsweek magazine, both Sharon and the interim Palestinian leader, Mahmoud Abbas, said they would be willing to meet after the Jan. 9 Palestinian presidential election.

The leaders also vowed to make efforts to restart the U.S.-backed "road map," a stalled peace plan that calls for the establishment of a Palestinian state next year.

The comments reflected the new atmosphere of reconciliation since the Nov. 11 death of Arafat, whom Israel accused of backing violence.

"I think there is an understanding that this is an opportunity that both sides cannot miss," said Raanan Gissin, a spokesman for Sharon.

The interviews by both leaders

"offer a real sense of optimism that this window of opportunity can really be exploited to move the process forward," Gissin said. "The goal is to return back to the road map to peace — and from there move to political negotiations."

Israel and the Palestinians signed the road map in June 2003, but the plan quickly stalled amid violations by both sides. The Palestinians failed to crack down on militant groups, while Israel did not meet its obligations to halt construction of settlements in the West Bank and dismantle unauthorized settlement outposts.

Earlier this year, Sharon announced plans to withdraw from Gaza and four West Bank settlements as part of his "unilateral disengagement" plan from the Palestinians.

He said the steps were necessary because there was no "partner" on the Palestinian side. So far he has refused to negotiate the pullout with the Palestinians.

But in the Newsweek interview, Sharon said Arafat's death made it possible to coordinate the pullout with the new Palestinian leadership.



Indonesian Muslims march toward the U.S. Embassy during a rally in Jakarta, Indonesia, on Sunday. About 10,000 Muslims held one of the biggest anti-Iraq war protests in the world's most populous Muslim nation against the recent U.S.-led offensive in Fallujah.

Indonesians rally to protest U.S.-led attacks on Fallujah

BY LELY T. DUHARI

The Associated Press

JAKARTA, Indonesia — About 10,000 Indonesians demonstrated in Jakarta on Sunday against the U.S.-led offensive in Fallujah, in one of the biggest anti-Iraq war protests in the world's most populous Muslim nation.

The demonstrators chanted, "Keep the spirit of jihad alive! We will fight back!" and carried banners reading, "How many more Muslims will die because of President George Bush?"

Young men pasted stickers of Bush portrayed as a monkey and as Adolf Hitler on passing cars and buses in front of the U.S. Embassy.

Opinion polls have shown that many Indonesians have turned against the United States because they see the U.S.-led wars in Afghanistan and Iraq as anti-Muslim.

Anti-U.S. sentiments flared up again when U.S. troops invaded the Iraqi rebel-held city of Fallujah, known as the "city of mosques," early this month in

an offensive aimed at re-establishing government control ahead of January elections.

"My heart burns with anger to see what is happening in Fallujah," Rahmat Hidayat, a 29-year-old teacher, said at the rally. "America must pay!"

Police estimated that 10,000 people took part in the rally — one of the largest in Indonesia against the Iraq war. About 8,000 to 10,000 people joined an anti-war protest last year, while other rallies have been smaller.

Sunday's protest was sponsored by the rapidly growing Islamic Justice and Prosperity party, which seeks to establish Islamic Sharia law.

Indonesia's secular government has taken a strong stance against terrorism. But in recent years, there has been a rise in the popularity of radical, anti-Western Islamic groups. The country has also been used by the al-Qaida-linked terror group Jemaah Islamiyah to recruit members and launch three major terror attacks in two years, including the 2002 Bali bombings that killed 202 people, most of them foreigners.



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Mine blast traps 166

BEIJING — An explosion tore through a coal mine in central China on Sunday, sending smoke billowing from air vents and trapping at least 166 miners in tunnels and shafts below without communications, the government said.

Some 127 workers managed to escape the state-owned mine, the Xinhua News Agency said, citing the State Bureau of Production Safety.

12 crushed by train

NEW DELHI — Twelve people were crushed to death when a train ran over them at a railroad station in central India on Sunday, news reports said.

The dead, mostly college students, were alighting from a train at the Sukhi Sevani railroad station, when a second train ran over them, the Press Trust of India reported.

Sukhi Sevani is a small town neighboring Bhopal, the capital of Madhya Pradesh state.

EU pledges aid to Sudan

BRUSSELS, Belgium — The European Union pledged humanitarian aid for Sudan on Sunday to help avert a "major food crisis" brewing in the troubled Darfur region due to continuing hostilities.

Newly appointed EU Commissioner Louis Michel announced the aid in the Sudanese capital of Khartoum after touring Darfur, in the west of the country.

In a statement released in Brussels, he also called for "all armed groups" to stop attacking civilians and "allow aid workers to do their difficult and vital job as safely as possible."

Fighting between the Sudanese government and rebels erupted last week despite a Nov. 8 cease-fire, causing aid groups to suspend operations. The World Food Program temporarily suspended its operations in most of the troubled state Thursday, cut-

ting off some 300,000 displaced people.

Ex-hostages leave Kabul

KABUL, Afghanistan — Two U.N. workers who spent nearly a month in the hands of mysterious Afghan kidnappers flew out of Kabul on Sunday toward the warm welcomes of relatives and friends in Northern Ireland and Kosovo.

Annette Flanagan and Shiqe Heibhi wrapped in scarves against the morning chill, gave a last hug to colleagues before boarding a white United Nations plane and taking off for an undisclosed destination. They were the only passengers.

The pair waved and smiled but made no comment to Associated Press reporters covering their departure, but a U.N. spokesman said both would take a short break before returning home.

Beached animals die

HOBART, Australia — About 100 whales and dolphins died after beaching on a southern Australian island Sunday, and about 50 more were still at risk, a government official said.

Wildlife officers were headed for King Island between the Australian mainland and the southeast island state of Tasmania to help rescue efforts.

Early reports said 72 pilot whales and 30 bottlenose dolphins died after beaching at Sea Elephant Bay, Tasmanian state government environment spokesman Warwick Brennan said.

Up to 50 more whales and dolphins were believed to be still alive and 800 feet offshore, he said.

"The local community, who first found the animals, they have been doing a lot of work over there with the animals," he said.

"We will continue to work with the local community as well. When you have a lot of animals like this involved, you need all the help you can."

From The Associated Press

Taj Mahal by moonlight



Tourists view the Taj Mahal at night in Agra, India. The Taj Mahal was opened for the first time in 20 years to nighttime tourists after the government had banned nighttime visits in 1984 out of fears that it could be targeted by Sikh separatists. The view through the arched gateway was enough to silence even the chattiest visitor. For five nights each month, around the time of the full moon, visitors will be allowed inside the perimeter wall to see the Taj — albeit from a special platform about 300 yards away from the actual building. Mogul Emperor Shah Jahan commissioned the Taj Mahal to memorialize his wife Mumtaz Mahal, who died from complications arising from the birth of their 14th child. The monument, which took more than 20,000 laborers and 22 years to complete, from 1632 to 1654, marked its 350th anniversary earlier this year.

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IN THE STATES

Storm strands thousands at Nevada airport

Officials blame Reno shutdown on broken FAA equipment

BY MARTIN GRIFFITH

The Associated Press

RENO, Nev. — Thousands of passengers were grounded during a snowstorm at Reno-Tahoe International Airport on its busiest weekend of the year.

At nearby Lake Tahoe and elsewhere in the Sierra Nevada, the storm dumped up to 18 inches of snow and delayed thousands of Thanksgiving holiday motorists heading over mountain passes.

Sixty-nine flights at the airport were canceled or delayed during a seven-hour period Saturday after a malfunction in equipment used to guide pilots when visibility is poor, spokesman Brian Kulpin said.

The instrument landing system is maintained and operated by the Federal Aviation Administration, which fixed the problem after the storm had left up to 6 inches of snow in Reno.

Travelers were urged to contact their airlines before heading to the airport because delays were expected to continue. Kulpin said some passengers might not be able to get a flight

from Reno until Tuesday because flights are booked solid Sunday and Monday.

"This has such a ripple effect throughout the system," Kulpin said. "It has impacts on other airports because there are people stranded at other airports."

The Sunday after Thanksgiving traditionally is the airport's busiest day of the year, with about 10,000 passengers using the facility.

Kulpin said airport officials were livid because it was the second time this month the instrument landing system malfunctioned during a storm.

"This is an awful way to treat the flying public and it's all because of the FAA," he said.

FAA spokesman Allen Kenitzer in Seattle said a combination of bad weather and equipment failure caused the FAA to suspend flights in and out of the airport.

The cause of the equipment failure is under investigation, but it appears a heavy buildup of snow on an antenna contributed to it, he said. The storm restricted departures by causing planes to

have to undergo deicing, he added.

"Believe me, we understand the people's frustrations and we appreciate their cooperation during the delay," Kenitzer said.

"But safety is our number one priority and safety was never compromised during this time." The storm also caused problems on the highways. Authorities reported more than 100 minor traffic accidents in the Reno-Tahoe area, and said a stalled bus on Interstate 80 near Truckee, Calif., backed up east-bound traffic.

The storm knocked down electrical lines in several Northern California counties and left nearly 11,000 customers without power, including 6,700 in Oakland and Berkeley, and 2,100 in Carmel.

Sierra Pacific Power Co. officials reported small, scattered outages affecting hundreds of customers in the Reno-Tahoe area. Meanwhile, in Ontario, the driver of a tractor-trailer was killed when he lost control of the vehicle in the rain, plunging over the side of a highway, according to the California Highway Patrol.



Jim Dias, of Livermore, Calif., right, walks through the snow Saturday with his friend, Chantal Vanrooyen of South Africa, on a downtown street in Reno, Nev. A storm system dumped up to 18 inches of snow on the area, leaving thousands of holiday travelers stranded.

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Senator: Intel bill needs Bush's support

BY JENNIFER C. KERR
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The fate of an overhaul of U.S. intelligence agencies rests with President Bush, who must exert more pressure on holdout Republicans if he wants compromise legislation to pass this year, a lead Senate negotiator said Sunday.

"If the president of the United States wants this bill, as commander in chief in the middle of a war, I cannot believe Republicans in the House are going to stop him from getting it," said Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., on ABC's "This Week."

But two powerful opponents of the deal, GOP Reps. Duncan Hunter of California and James Sensenbrenner of Wisconsin, are showing no signs of wavering on a measure intended to put in place recommendations from the Sept. 11 commission.

Hunter, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, has expressed concerns that the intelligence realignment could interfere with the military chain of command.

Sensenbrenner, head of the House Judiciary Committee, wants the bill to deal with illegal immigration.

The chairman of the Sept. 11 commission,

Thomas Kean, said separate legislation, debated at a later time, could address those concerns.

Kean, a former Republican governor from New Jersey, joined with Lieberman in urging Bush to press harder for passage.

With the overhaul stalled after months of negotiations, the crucial question "is whether it will pass now or after a second attack," Kean said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

The legislation passed the Senate almost unanimously, but House Speaker Dennis Hastert pulled the bill from consideration following objections from Hunter and Sensenbrenner just before the House adjourned for Thanksgiving.

Rice confirmation hearings delayed until January

WASHINGTON — At the White House's request, confirmation hearings for Condoleezza Rice as secretary of state will not begin until Congress reconvenes in January, the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee said Sunday.

When President Bush nominated his national security adviser to replace Colin Powell at the State Department, Sen. Richard Lugar said he would try to bring his committee together in the first week of December to begin the Senate confirmation process.

He predicted Rice's nomination will draw strong support in the Senate and will have no difficulty being approved.

Tanker spills crude oil in Philadelphia waterway

PHILADELPHIA — A tanker spilled 30,000 gallons of crude oil into the Delaware River between Philadelphia and southern New Jersey, creating a 20-mile-long slick that killed dozens of birds and threatened other wildlife, federal officials said Sunday.

Private contractors were called in to skim oil from the surface of the water and place thousands of feet of boom to contain the floating slick.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service officials said 50 birds were dead from the spill and 300 others were affected; fish also were threatened.

From wire reports

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Money tip of the day

Don't fall for fake links

CBS MarketWatch

As retail activity heats up closer to the holidays, expect to see fake shopping-confirmation notices from your favorite retailers.

At this time of year, consumers on a tight budget may be particularly vulnerable to the lure of winning extra spending money through new phishing scams, including fake work-at-home opportunities or cash in exchange for completing an online

survey.

How to fight back? Never click on a link in an unsolicited e-mail message. One simple click could trigger a malicious program that logs any keystrokes you then make on your computer.

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Linney is sexy in her 'own right'

BY JOE NEUMAIER

New York Daily News

Laura Linney is having a very sexy season. First, there was "P.S.," where she made a steamy impression, particularly in a sex scene where she remained fully clothed.

Now comes "Kinsey," in which she plays the drab wife of the legendary — and somewhat notorious — sex researcher Alfred Kinsey, played by Liam Neeson.

This is not the way most Hollywood actresses use their sensuality on screen, but Linney is not most Hollywood actresses. "I've always thought that I'm sexy in my own right, but not in a way that people thought was bankable," says the 40-year-old actress.

"I've outgrown that time for actors when that pressure is on you, or when people look at you with disappointment, because you're not as sexy as they'd like you to be — or you're sexy in a different way, which is how I look at it."

"Sexiness is undefinable, and a lot of it is being at ease with who you are and where you are in life."

Where Linney is now is amid a string of plump roles, in movies like "Mystic River" and "Love Actually" that followed her breakout performance in "You Can Count on Me," that 2000 indie movie brought her an Academy Award nomination for best actress. Now "Kinsey" is generating more Oscar buzz.

"This movie is an excellent reminder of our country's complex relationship to sexuality," she says. "It shows how sex is a really powerful thing and can be used to heal or hurt. It's an endlessly fascinating topic."

Though Kinsey's wife, Clara McMillen, seemed like a buttoned-up faculty spouse, she was in fact an integral part of her hus-

band's research, which involved wife-swapping — by Kinsey himself and by his staff (played in the movie by Peter Sarsgaard, Timothy Hutton and Chris O'Donnell).

"Playing Clara made me think about all sorts of stuff," says Linney.

"I never really thought about how sex flavors a life, how it creates fear or can release you. It's about the choices you make in life, who you spend time with, what are you attracted to and why, and can you change that. Doing this movie, I'm sure, has affected my relationships, and for the better."

Linney grew up in Manhattan, the daughter of playwright Romulus Linney. Her parents divorced when she was a child, but Linney learned about theater from her father before studying acting at Juilliard.

She has continued to do theater, including Broadway roles in "Uncle Vanya" in 2000 and "The Crucible" in 2002, co-starring Neeson. Linney's film career started slowly, as she learned the craft of performing before a camera.

"I was just intimidated," Linney says. "I didn't know anything about film acting. I spent many years studying how to act on stage, and I knew it wasn't the same thing. So I was very fortunate that I had small parts in movies that let me feel out the terrain."

She co-starred in the miniseries "Tales of the City" in 1993, then starred opposite Richard Gere in "Primal Fear" and Jim Carrey in "The Truman Show."

Then came "You Can Count on Me."

"That movie was a treat, because there were no scary Hollywood studio guys asking, 'Is the chick sexy enough?'" she says. "Nobody talked about if my hair was sexy enough. It was all about the work."

People have definitely been talking about how sexy Linney is in "P.S.," especially that one lovemaking scene.

"It's very sensual, and it makes some people uncomfortable," she says. "It's really intense in its eroticism. The camera focuses mainly on our faces, and it's so intimate."

In sharp contrast, Linney had to make a determined effort, including makeup and costumes, to downplay her natural attractiveness in "Kinsey."

"Some people get depressed wearing an ugly wig and makeup for a week, but I didn't feel that way," she says.

"I loved playing someone who saw life in such a vibrant way. And at the end of the day, when they'd brush my hair and get the prosthetics off, I'd look in the mirror a bit surprised, and say, 'Ooh, hi!'"

Actress Laura Linney has starred in a string of plump roles in movies such as "Mystic River" and "Love Actually" that followed her breakout performance in "You Can Count on Me." And her most recent film, "Kinsey," is generating Oscar buzz.

SUSAN WATTS
New York Daily News

Charles honored with new exhibit

Less than six months after his death, Ray Charles may be more popular than ever with a movie about his life and a posthumously released album.

Now he is being recognized with an exhibit at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum. "The Genius of Ray Charles" exhibit opened Nov. 19, and a reception to celebrate the opening is planned for Wednesday.

Charles memorabilia is on loan from his Los Angeles studio and includes electronic keyboards, a saxophone, sunglasses and a collection of awards. The exhibit, expected to remain through Labor Day, also includes video recordings of his performances.

"Ray was very gracious for anything done for him," said Joe Adams, Charles' friend and business manager of 47 years. "He fussed about it, but he loved it. This would have been meaningful to him, definitely."

Charles, 73, died June 10 of liver disease. His final studio recording, "Genius Loves Company," is an album of duets that was released this year. His life story is told in the movie "Ray," starring Jamie Foxx, now in stateside theaters.



Charles

'Cheers' actress home from hospital

"Cheers" alum Shelley Long was back home after being briefly hospitalized because she took a dose of medication to treat back pain and the drug made her ill, her manager said Friday.

"Shelley took an extra pain pill for her back, which she hurt when she fell on the set of 'Cheers' many years ago," Martin Mickelson said. "She had a reaction to it ... but she is now home and she is fine."

The actress, who played the prim and neurotic Diane Chambers on the hit 1980s sitcom, was treated overnight sometime within the last two weeks at the University of California, Los Angeles, Medical Center, Mickelson said.

"She had a nice Thanksgiving," he added. Mickelson denied published reports Friday that suggested Long, 55, had apparently taken an overdose of painkillers brought on by the breakup of her 22-year marriage to stockbroker Bruce Tyson.

'Wall' kids sing Pink Floyd for royalties

Members of the children's chorus who sang on Pink Floyd's anti-authoritarian 1979 hit, "Another Brick in the Wall," are owed thousands of dollars in payment, a royalties agent said.

Peter Rowan said he was representing one member of the group, Peter Thorpe, in a bid for unpaid royalties. Rowan said he hoped other members of the group would join the claim for royalties from a fund set up in 1997 to compensate session musicians.

Two dozen students from Islington Green School in north London sang from the chart-topping track from the album "The Wall," which was recorded at a nearby studio in 1979.

The song attracted controversy for the chorus sung by the children: "We don't need no education/ We don't need no thought control/ No dead sarcasm in the classroom/ Teachers, leave them kids alone."

Welsh stars open new concert hall

Welsh stars past and present took center stage at the opening of a glittering new concert hall in the capital, Cardiff.

Today's stars, including baritone Bryn Terfel, paid tribute to entertainers including singer Shirley Bassey, soprano Gwyneth Jones and actor Richard Burton at Friday's opening of the Wales Millennium Centre.

The \$200 million slate, glass and steel building, "inspired by the landscape and by the industrial and cultural heritage of Wales," includes a 1,900-seat auditorium that will house the Welsh National Opera and facilities for a variety of arts and cultural organizations.

Dutch film wins top prize at film festival

Dutch film "Stand Van De Maan," which addresses increasing Islamic radicalism in Indonesia, won the top prize at the Amsterdam International Documentary Film Festival.

The festival is billed as the world's largest documentary festival, with more than 200 films shown over two weeks in Amsterdam theaters.

"Stand Van De Maan (Shape of the Moon)," directed by Leonard Retel Helmrich, recorded the story of an Indonesian Christian woman who leaves Jakarta for the countryside to avoid growing unemployment and increasingly fundamentalist Islamic sentiment in the city.

Stories and photo from The Associated Press



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MOVIES

• **SPORTS**

J	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30
6	AFN-P	•ESPNews Pacific Report	•NFL Football St. Louis Rams at Green Bay Packers. From Lambeau Field in Green Bay, Wis. (CC)						•ESPNews Pacific Report	The Tonight Show (CC)		
7	AFN-ATL	(5-46) Oprah Winfrey (CC)	(-35) Guiding Light (CC)	(-17) General Hospital (CC)	Headline News (CC)	Judge Judy (CC)	Today (CC)				Spy (CC)	Animaniacs (CC)
8	NEWS	Harbold with Chris Matthews	The O'Reilly Factor (CC)		CNN Daybreak		Good Morning America (CC)			Headline News		Channel One
9	SPORTS	•NBA: 2000 NBA Basketball Teams to Be Announced. (Taped)			•SportsCenter	•NBA Basketball Teams to Be Announced. (Taped)					•SportsCenter	
10	SPEC	The Simpsons Lisa befriends college girls. (CC)	Everybody Loves Raymond Ray, Debra remanice. (CC)	Jessie Leah gets hostile: Visit his lawyer's planet. (CC)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Nagadom's Acts of Violence" Wanders gets a drive-by shooting. (CC)	Crime Scene Investigation "Nagadom's Acts of Violence" Wanders gets a drive-by shooting. (CC)	Biography "Santa Anita" Tracing the evolution of the legend of the Santa Anita. (CC)	Friends Rachel has plans for Joshua. (CC)	Seinfeld George must abstain from having sex. (CC)	The Daily Show (CC)	Blind Date (CC)	
11	AFN-ATL	•The Tonight Show with Jay Leno (CC)	•The Tonight Show with Jay Leno (CC)	•The Tonight Show with Jay Leno (CC)	•The Tonight Show with Jay Leno (CC)	•The Tonight Show with Jay Leno (CC)	•The Tonight Show with Jay Leno (CC)	•The Tonight Show with Jay Leno (CC)	•The Tonight Show with Jay Leno (CC)	•The Tonight Show with Jay Leno (CC)	•The Tonight Show with Jay Leno (CC)	•The Tonight Show with Jay Leno (CC)
12	AFN-MTV	•The Tonight Show with Jay Leno (CC)	•The Tonight Show with Jay Leno (CC)	•The Tonight Show with Jay Leno (CC)	•The Tonight Show with Jay Leno (CC)	•The Tonight Show with Jay Leno (CC)	•The Tonight Show with Jay Leno (CC)	•The Tonight Show with Jay Leno (CC)	•The Tonight Show with Jay Leno (CC)	•The Tonight Show with Jay Leno (CC)	•The Tonight Show with Jay Leno (CC)	•The Tonight Show with Jay Leno (CC)
13	14MT	(5:00) *** Echo Park (1985) Susie (CC)	•Time Lapse (2001, Suspense) Ray Schneider, Dan Moore, William McNamara. A federal agent is secretly given a mission to kill a terrorist. (CC)	The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer (N) (CC)	Nova "Great Escape" POW's escape from a Nazi prison camp by digging three tunnels. (N) (CC) (DIS)	Frontline "The War-Mat Good for America?" "The War-Mat and a tendency to rely on the war-mat. (N) (CC)	Independent Lens "Alphabetical Unseen" The lives of Afghan women. (N) (CC)	Star Trek: Voyager "The Omega Factor" (CC)	Seinfeld George must abstain from having sex. (CC)	The Daily Show (CC)	Blind Date (CC)	
14	PBS	Dragon Tales Moon makes a giant surprise. (CC)	Zoozoo a backdrop: ray race, shadow animals. (CC)	The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer (N) (CC)	Nova "Great Escape" POW's escape from a Nazi prison camp by digging three tunnels. (N) (CC) (DIS)	Frontline "The War-Mat Good for America?" "The War-Mat and a tendency to rely on the war-mat. (N) (CC)	Independent Lens "Alphabetical Unseen" The lives of Afghan women. (N) (CC)	Star Trek: Voyager "The Omega Factor" (CC)	Seinfeld George must abstain from having sex. (CC)	The Daily Show (CC)	Blind Date (CC)	
15	SHOW	•"Word Traveler" (2001, Drama) Bill Crundin, Julian Moore. A man leaves his family for a road trip of self-discovery. (Scholastic) (N) (CC)	•"Word Traveler" (2001, Drama) Bill Crundin, Julian Moore. A man leaves his family for a road trip of self-discovery. (Scholastic) (N) (CC)	American Justice The murders of 28 black children in Atlanta between 1979 and 1981. (CC)	Biography "Charles King and Leonard Laube" Serial killers document their plans. (N) (CC)	Cold Case Files "Wooley, Egan" Bear's lawyer's murder. (N) (CC)	Dog the Bounty Hunter "Dog the Bounty Hunter and the Wolf" (CC)	Crossing Jordan "With Honor" Jordan investigates the death of a corporal who abandoned her post. (CC)	Seinfeld George must abstain from having sex. (CC)	The Daily Show (CC)	Blind Date (CC)	
16	28 A&E	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced
17	29 TFC	Wazz Up Wazz Up	Star Circle Quest	OK, Fine Whatever	45 Insider	Pipol	Kumikating Kabuh Ayan	Norming Star (Taping)	(-40) Masayang Tanghal Bayan			
18	30 CNN-I	Larry King Live (CC)	CNN World News	World Sport	Business International	Asia Tonight	Biz Asia	CNN World News	World Report	Biz Asia	Business International	
19	31 GOLF	44:30 Golf: Hilos Australian Open	Third Round. From Sydney, Australia.									
20	32 TOLC	Clean Sweep "Tackling the Toys" A family game storage garage. (CC)	In a Fix "The Wired House" A couple lives in a fixer-upper. (CC)	American Hot Rod "Alumbut's 2" A Swedish interior's burning neatly triggers an international incident. (N) (CC)	American Hot Rod "Alumbut's 2" A Swedish interior's burning neatly triggers an international incident. (N) (CC)	Overhaul	Extreme Machines: Million Dollar Moves The most exclusive and expensive automobiles ever made. (N) (CC)	American Hot Rod "Alumbut's 2" A Swedish interior's burning neatly triggers an international incident. (N) (CC)	American Hot Rod "Alumbut's 2" A Swedish interior's burning neatly triggers an international incident. (N) (CC)	American Hot Rod "Alumbut's 2" A Swedish interior's burning neatly triggers an international incident. (N) (CC)	American Hot Rod "Alumbut's 2" A Swedish interior's burning neatly triggers an international incident. (N) (CC)	American Hot Rod "Alumbut's 2" A Swedish interior's burning neatly triggers an international incident. (N) (CC)
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23	35 ANPL	The Crocodile Hunter "Return to the Wild" Steve and Terri's plans to put a crocodile in a zoo. (CC)	Most Extreme "Gluttons" Animal eating the world's most disgusting food. (CC)	The Daily Show "The Wired House" A couple lives in a fixer-upper. (CC)	Mad TV Parody of "Chips" (CC)	Crunk Yankers "The School of Rock" (CC)	Reno 911 Junior's "The School of Rock" (CC)	South Park "Unsub" (CC)	Chappelle's Show "Shoop Dog" (CC)	Wanda Does It (CC)	The Daily Show "The Wired House" A couple lives in a fixer-upper. (CC)	The Daily Show "The Wired House" A couple lives in a fixer-upper. (CC)
24	36 COM	Heroes of a Brocade	Wanda Does It (CC)	Snake Wagoners (Part 4 of a 5) (CC)	Snake Wagoners (Part 4 of a 5) (CC)	Croc Chronicles "Habitat" Snake's life. (CC)	Gorillas: Heart of Darkness The home of the gorilla is a war zone. (CC)	Yun Cha	Gates of Hell	Going to Extremes: Dry		
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28	43 BET	106 & Park Set Top 10 Live	Key Style Alicia Keys (N)	The Investigators "Risky Business" (A mortgage fraud business lies to catch false claims. (N) (CC)	The Investigators "Risky Business" (A mortgage fraud business lies to catch false claims. (N) (CC)	Forensic Files "Serial Number 1" (CC)	North Mission Road	Masterminds (N)	Caught (N)	Extreme Evidence	Extreme Evidence	Extreme Evidence
29	46 COURT	NYPD Blue "Loogie Nuts" Spincoz and Sorenson find out two cops who have beaten a man to death. (CC)	Cops New Orleans police catch and control crowd city. (CC)	Cops Mouthed off cops and control crowd city. (CC)	The Investigators "Risky Business" (A mortgage fraud business lies to catch false claims. (N) (CC)	Forensic Files "Serial Number 1" (CC)	North Mission Road	Masterminds (N)	Caught (N)	Extreme Evidence	Extreme Evidence	Extreme Evidence
30	48 STR-IL	The Simpsons Show (CC)	The Drew Carey Show (CC)	Star News Focus Asia	Friends (CC)	John Doe	The Apprentice (CC)	UC Undercover (CC)	Friends (CC)	John Doe (CC)		
31	50 LIFE	The Golden Girls "The Golden Girls" (CC)	The Golden Girls "The Golden Girls" (CC)	A Family Torn Apart (1993, Drama) Neil Patrick Harris, Gregory Hanning, Jack McGee. Teenagers are accused of murdering their adoptive parents. (CC)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "353K" (CC)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "353K" (CC)	Hate My Job (N)	House "Pilot" (Series Premiere) House and his team try to save the life of a kindergarten teacher. (N) (CC)	House "Pilot" (Series Premiere) House and his team try to save the life of a kindergarten teacher. (N) (CC)	House "Pilot" (Series Premiere) House and his team try to save the life of a kindergarten teacher. (N) (CC)	House "Pilot" (Series Premiere) House and his team try to save the life of a kindergarten teacher. (N) (CC)	House "Pilot" (Series Premiere) House and his team try to save the life of a kindergarten teacher. (N) (CC)
32	51 ABCFAM	7th Heaven "Lost Souls" Eric makes a "loving death" decision and his wife's romance with Lana. (CC)	Smallville "Vigil" Whitney returns to Smallville. (CC)	Smallville "Vigil" Whitney returns to Smallville. (CC)	Smallville "Vigil" Whitney returns to Smallville. (CC)	Smallville "Vigil" Whitney returns to Smallville. (CC)	Smallville "Vigil" Whitney returns to Smallville. (CC)	Smallville "Vigil" Whitney returns to Smallville. (CC)	Smallville "Vigil" Whitney returns to Smallville. (CC)	Smallville "Vigil" Whitney returns to Smallville. (CC)	Smallville "Vigil" Whitney returns to Smallville. (CC)	Smallville "Vigil" Whitney returns to Smallville. (CC)
33	53 HIST	Empires of Industry "Brewed in America" (CC)	Modern Masters "Jet Engines" Jet-powered aircraft. (CC)	Wild West Travel "Vigilante Tech" When the masses take matters into their own hands. (N) (CC)	Wild West Travel "Vigilante Tech" When the masses take matters into their own hands. (N) (CC)	Modern Masters "Jet Engines" Jet-powered aircraft. (CC)	Modern Masters "Jet Engines" Jet-powered aircraft. (CC)	Modern Masters "Jet Engines" Jet-powered aircraft. (CC)	Modern Masters "Jet Engines" Jet-powered aircraft. (CC)	Modern Masters "Jet Engines" Jet-powered aircraft. (CC)	Modern Masters "Jet Engines" Jet-powered aircraft. (CC)	Modern Masters "Jet Engines" Jet-powered aircraft. (CC)
34	57 STR-IV	(1:10) *** The Abyss (1989, Science Fiction) Ed Harris, Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio, Michael Biehn. An oil-rig crew is involved in a search for a nuclear sub.	Smallville "Vigil" Whitney returns to Smallville. (CC)	Smallville "Vigil" Whitney returns to Smallville. (CC)	Smallville "Vigil" Whitney returns to Smallville. (CC)	Smallville "Vigil" Whitney returns to Smallville. (CC)	Smallville "Vigil" Whitney returns to Smallville. (CC)	Smallville "Vigil" Whitney returns to Smallville. (CC)	Smallville "Vigil" Whitney returns to Smallville. (CC)	Smallville "Vigil" Whitney returns to Smallville. (CC)	Smallville "Vigil" Whitney returns to Smallville. (CC)	Smallville "Vigil" Whitney returns to Smallville. (CC)
35	58 ADV I	(5:30) Ice Walk	Nick's Quest Visiting the Arctic to check global warming's impact on polar bears.	Florida's Aqua Caves	Budget Travel	Budget Travel	Budget Travel	Budget Travel	Budget Travel	Budget Travel	Budget Travel	Budget Travel
36	59 MTV	Laguna Beach: The Real Orange County	Laguna Beach: The Real Orange County	Direct Effect	The Real World: Community service needs.	The Real World: Community service needs.	The Real World: Community service needs.	The Real World: Community service needs.	The Real World: Community service needs.	The Real World: Community service needs.	The Real World: Community service needs.	The Real World: Community service needs.
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JAPAN TV

Afternoon
12:30 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (12)
1:30 U.S. Movie (1985): Rambo/First Blood
Part II (2:00)(12)
5:50 News (6)
Evening
7:00 NHK News (1)
7:30 What I Like About You (3)
10:00 News (1)
12:55 Ultimate Fighting Preview (6)
2:05 U.S. Movie (1970): Five Easy Pieces
(2:02)(4)

JAPAN TV (BS11)

Morning
10:00 Classical Music: Kevin Kenner Piano Re-

Afternoon	Evening
2:10 Inside the Actor's Studio: Diane Lane	6:15 CNN News
3:00 Lonesome Dove: Leaving (r)	9:15 Economic News
Evening	10:10 BS World Documentaries: Mozambique
7:00 NHK News	11:15 NFL: St. Louis Rams vs. ers
8:00 U.S. Movie (1990): Kindergarten Cop (1:55)	2:15 Asian News
10:00 TV Series: The West Wing 3	3:35 World Amazing Sports

JAPAN

Morning
9:15 World News
10:10 BS World Doc
11:00 CNN News
Afternoon
12:15 CNN News
2:15 ABC News

15 CNN News
15 Economic News
1:10 BS World Documentary: AIDS in
Mozambique
1:15 NFL: St. Louis Rams vs. Green Bay Pack
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WOWOW

Morning

00 The Beat File: Eminem

30 Oswald No. 49

00 Irish Movie (2001): On the Edge (1:30)

1:00 British-U.S. Movie (2002): About a Boy (1:45)
3:00 British-German Movie (2002): Bend Sinister (1:54)

Evening
6:00 Spanish Soccer Liga Española
8:00 TV Series: Third Watch
9:00 TV Series: CSI: Crime Scene Investigation
10:00 British-Australian-German Movie (2001): Charlotte Gray (2:05)
5:25 U.S. Movie (1989): Monterey Pop (1:25)

MTV

Morning
6:00 Wake Up
7:00 M Size Monday
8:00 Top Choice
10:00 Pure Music
11:00 Top Choice

Afternoon
12:00 The Osbournes
12:30 Making the Video: Backstreet Boys
1:00 Classic
1:30 Top Choice
2:00 Pure Music
3:00 Top Choice
4:00 Top Choice Selection: Hip Hop, R&B Reggae

5:00 Top Choice
Evening
 6:00 M Size Tuesday
 7:00 World Chart Express Powered by Honda
 9:00 Top Choice
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Cell-phone sting

VA CULPEPER — One phone call got Kenneth Settle Jr. and his cousin in both sent to jail.

The two were arrested when police said they phoned a drug dealer to place an order during a police drug sting operation.

When the suspected drug dealer's cell phone rang during the Blue Ridge Drug Task Force sting, a Culpeper town police investigator answered.

The caller said he wanted to buy \$50 worth of crack cocaine, according to Detective Troy Steele. The man gave his location and a description of the vehicle he was driving.

Two officers drove to the agreed meeting spot in the Southgate Shopping Center, identified the vehicle and found 21-year-old Settle and his 22-year-old cousin, Steven Settle, inside, Steele said.

The alleged drug dealer's cell phone was the last number called on a cell phone discovered in the vehicle, police said.

The Settles were both charged with conspiracy to possess cocaine.

Agency head to retire

MO JEFFERSON CITY — The head of Missouri's Emergency Management Agency said he'll retire at the end of the year. Jerry Uhlmann has run the agency for almost 12 years after serving for 32 years in the Missouri National Guard. Under his watch, the agency has responded to the state's largest floods, most costly winter storms and the most destructive series of tornadoes.

Hotel shuts down

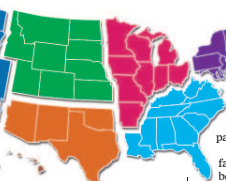
NE NORTH PLATTE — The landmark Hotel Pawnee is scheduled to close Dec. 31, forcing 65 special-needs residents to find a new place to live. After decades as a prestigious hotel, the building was converted into a retirement home. For the last eight years it had housed people with mental illness or special needs. Owner Bob Parsons says the hotel loses about \$22,000 a month.

Island access limited

GA SEA ISLAND — The Sea Island Causeway will soon be closed to all but the wealthy residents who live there. The Glynn County commission voted to give up county ownership to all the roads on Sea Island and the formerly public causeway after residents said they aren't safe because of their wealth. The Sea Island Co. plans to put up a gate blocking access to the island.

Detention centers cited

NJ TRENTON — The state is warehousing nonviolent children and teens in overcrowded detention centers because there's nowhere else to place them, a study by the state Office of the Child Advocate says. The study calls for increased mental illness screening and other services. It says youths in the system who have serious emotional problems have inadequate access to mental health care.



AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Firefighters rehired

CA SACRAMENTO — Most of the firefighters who were to be fired for drinking on duty, giving joy rides and attending a porn-star costume ball will return to work, Fire Chief Julius "Joe" Cherry said.

Five of the nine firefighters who were sent letters of termination signed a "last chance contract" stipulating that they have to meet Fire Department standards for the next five years or they will be terminated without right to appeal.

"When we looked at all nine of them, took a balanced approach and listened to their arguments, we looked at five of them as salvageable employees," Cherry said.

Turkeys eat well

CT VOLUNTOWN — Two turkeys, spared from becoming dinner, were treated to an early Thanksgiving feast.

The turkeys, named Dandelion and Sage, arrived at Michele and Charles Nash's six-acre farm. The couple is adopting them after they were left in a box at the front gate of a shelter that aims to keep turkeys off the holiday dinner table.

Upon arrival, the turkeys dined on a platter of salad greens and fresh cranberries, a pumpkin pie and baked winter squash.



In the nick of time

Maysville Police Officer Larry Farris, right, watches as Charlie Traxe, second left, and his son, Drew, second left, upright the clock that marks the location of their store, Traxe's Jewelers, in downtown Maysville, Ky.

The 6-month-old turkeys were dropped off at Farm Sanctuary in Watkins Glen, N.Y., five months ago. Kate Walker, a coordinator who brought the turkeys to the Nash farm, said she believes they were never destined to survive past Nov. 25.

"We know they came from a factory farm because their beaks are cut," she said.

The turkeys should fear no more. Michele Nash and her husband have been vegetarians for the past three years, but still enjoy much of the traditional Thanksgiving feast, she said.

"Everything," she said, "but the turkey."

Rings found on beach

GA ATLANTA — Hurricanes that struck the Florida coast this year churned up more than sand along Daytona Beach. They also yielded gold — rings of gold 40 years old.

Two people are richer for it, after their high school class rings from the 1960s were found by Laurie Sprigg, a modern-day prospector using a metal detector.

Sprigg turned over Larry Mitchell's 1964 Clarkston High School ring, lost on spring break that year. "It was just a real big shock for me. That's 40 years. You just don't expect something to turn up," Mitchell said.

On a separate outing, Sprigg found a 1963 ring from Christian County High School, which she traced to Kentucky and then to Beth Townsend.

Townsend said she wasn't even aware that her ring had been lost in Florida, where she also had been on spring break.

Townsend, who works at a health food store and does counseling at her church, was struck by the fact that it took the storms to shift enough sand around that the ring was found.

"In counseling, we always say that in a crisis things get shifted. That happens in the natural world, too," she said.

Fruit fight

ME ROCKLAND — Fewer than 200 blueberry growers have filed claims for a share of a \$5 million settlement in a landmark price-fixing lawsuit.

As many as 800 growers could have been damaged by the price-fixing, according to the growers' attorneys.

"The pool of growers gets smaller once you peel off those who opted out of the suit in the beginning," said attorney William Robitsek. "Then there are growers who are still scared to death to be identified with this lawsuit, because the list of payouts will be published."

The number of claims — 176 statewide — was disclosed Tuesday by Justice Joseph Jabars. The 4-year-old case is nearing an end after Allen's Blueberry Freezer of Ellsworth agreed to pay \$1 million as its share of the settlement.

Growers who can show how many pounds of fruit they sold in each of the seasons between 1996 and 1999 have until Dec. 23 to join the lawsuit.



Fashion prepping

Beth Bennett, an employee of the Yunkers store in Dubuque, Iowa, dresses a store mannequin during one of the biggest shopping days of the year.



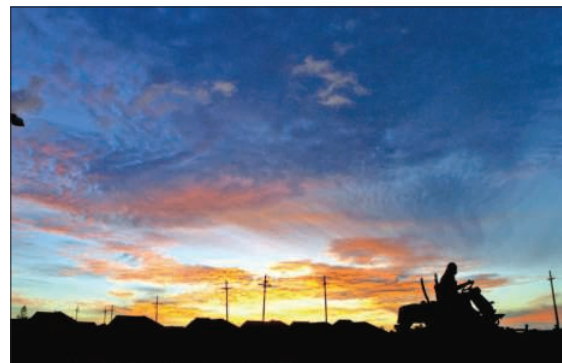
Winter wonderland

The aspens show off their new coat of white after a snowstorm dropped 14 inches of snow on Steamboat Ski Resort in Colorado.



Music to my ears

Catie Mungie, 11, of Marguard, Mo., practices her skills in front of a display of Monarch accordions at the Marriott Hotel in downtown St. Louis, where the St. Louis Metro Polka Club was holding its 15th annual Thanksgiving Weekend dance festival.



Sunset chores Wendell Pellgrin uses the last minutes of sunlight to mow the grass in the median of Civic Center Boulevard in Houma, La.



A bright scene Allen Neuman watches the lightning show from a balcony in Fort Smith, Ark., as storms move through the area.



Practice makes perfect Dan Ryan with his son, Cade, 4, from Northern Illinois, ski at Granite Peak Ski Area at Rib Mountain in Wausau, Wis.

High-tech hospital

AL BIRMINGHAM — Baptist Health System, which once tried to stop HealthSouth Corp. from constructing a high-tech hospital in metro Birmingham, has joined with Sanford University in talks about purchasing the unfinished building. HealthSouth will have spent about \$190 million by the end of the year on the hospital, according to earlier estimates. Finishing the hospital will cost at least \$100 million more.

Rare foxes rebound

CA AVALON — A unique subspecies of fox that is about the size of a house cat is back from the brink of extinction and can survive on its own because of a captive breeding program, the head of a nonprofit nature group said.

With the release of the remaining foxes in the coming weeks, the program on Santa Catalina Island will end, said Ann Muscat of the Catalina Island Conservancy.

The conservancy, which manages most of the island, released five pups and four adult foxes Tuesday. The animals quickly scampered into the scrub-covered hills on the eastern end of Catalina.

There are now 300 of the foxes that will be monitored to make sure they don't again drop to a critical level, Muscat said. The Santa Catalina fox was nearly wiped out by an outbreak of canine distemper virus, causing the population to drop from 1,300 in the 1990s to just 100 four years ago.

Dueling suits over scam

NY NEW YORK — A woman who was sued by American Express over an alleged scam where she posed as a Saudi princess to steal thousands has countersued the company, saying she was mentally incompetent when she opened her account and the company should have known it.

The countersuit was filed by Antoinette Millard, 40, free on \$100,000 bail and awaiting trial on attempted grand larceny charges for alleged scams carried out while she posed as a Saudi Arabian princess and a Victoria's Secret model. She was neither.

Millard, a former vice president at the Brown Brothers Harriman investment bank, countersued for \$2 million in Manhattan's State Supreme Court after Amex obtained a court order of attachment freezing more than \$951,000 of her assets for unpaid charges.

The larceny charges against Millard stem from her allegedly trying to steal \$262,000 from an insurance company by falsely reporting that her jewelry had been stolen, the Manhattan district attorney's office said.

Fatal medical mistake

WA SEATTLE — A woman who underwent surgery for a brain aneurysm died after she was mistakenly injected with an antiseptic solution instead of a harmless X-ray marker dye, hospital officials say.

Mary McClinton, 69, had the operation Nov. 4 at Virginia Mason Medical Center and died Tuesday.

At the end of McClinton's operation, a technician was supposed to inject the dye into a leg artery. Instead, the syringe was filled with chlorhexidine, a highly toxic solu-

tion used to clean the skin, hospital quality chief Dr. Robert Caplan said. The solution "caused widespread damage to the organs of her body," Caplan said.

The hospital had recently switched from a brown iodine antiseptic to a colorless version. The marker dye also is clear, and the syringe was filled from an unlabeled cup containing the antiseptic.

Caplan said the cup of antiseptic has since been replaced with a swab on a stick.

Everyone involved in the mistake was removed from duty and retrained, along with the entire medical staff, officials said. The names of the technician and others involved were not released.

Ex-con on book tour

LA BATON ROUGE — Nearly two years after he served a six-month prison sentence, former Insurance Commissioner Jim Brown has completed a book chronicling the case that put him behind bars.

A federal jury convicted Brown for lying to an FBI agent about the liquidation of a failed insurance company. Brown, who has maintained his innocence, said he'll start a book tour next week in Shreveport.

Attacker sentenced

IL WAUKEGAN — A woman pleaded guilty to two counts of attempted murder and was sentenced to 30 years for her role in a sledgehammer attack that nearly killed her ex-husband and his new wife.

Sandra Rogers, 48, was accused of planning the May 2 attack with an 18-year-old acquaintance, Jonathan McMeekin, as she fought with her ex-husband for custody of their daughter, prosecutors said.

McMeekin, who also pleaded guilty to attempted murder, told police he went along with the plan because he wanted to resume dating Rogers' 14-year-old daughter. He said he went with Rogers the night of the attack, but she beat the couple with the hammer while they slept. McMeekin could face 12 to 35 years in prison.

Drug bust nets students

KY MOREHEAD — A drug bust at Morehead State University resulted in 21 warrants issued for students. The law enforcement director for the anti-drug task force Operation UNITE says undercover narcotics officers worked on the case for about two months. He says they purchased marijuana and prescription drugs from the students who were arrested.

Cameras in patrol cars

AZ PHOENIX — Highway Patrol cars are being equipped with video cameras to record traffic stops and help settle a class-action lawsuit accusing the state Department of Public Safety of racial profiling. The cameras are part of a proposed settlement expected to be submitted to a federal judge for approval soon, DPS officials and a lawyer for the plaintiffs said. Approval would end a 3-year-old case that originated with traffic stops made along interstate highways in Cocoon County.

Stories and photos from wire services

Horoscope

Mercury turns retrograde in Sagittarius. For those who are constantly leaving purses, cell phones and electronic organizers behind, now is the time to glue these items to your body—or at the very least put an “If found, return to...” label in them. In the coming weeks, we’ll be constantly backtracking to make sure we’re creating clean karma.

TODAY’S BIRTHDAY (November 30). Your charisma attracts sensational opportunities this year, and you’ve got the confidence to parlay small wins into big successes. Romance is found sporting or traveling. Consider an Aries or Pisces for lasting love. In January, you get the final verdict on a long-term project. Children make you proud in March.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Press ahead because your hard work now will carry you to a new level. Praise from your peers is featured. You may even be admired publicly for your leadership, even though you don’t care about recognition. (Yeah, right.)

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You’re feeling open minded and thus willing to see the beauty in what others consider worthless—for instance, they say, “Graffiti,” you say, “Public art!” You’re an advocate for the unappreciated.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Buying things won’t bring happiness, so why is it so fun? There’s much to want and little space to keep it. Be watchful for a spontaneous sale, or be willing to negotiate your own price (even if it seems like it’s not that kind of store).

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Give your attention to matters of health—after all, if you don’t have that, the rest is very hard to appreciate. No matter how “good” you are, there is always room for improvement in this department.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Linguists estimate that there are 6,000 actively spoken languages in the world, and everyone you run into is

apparently speaking a different one of them. Instead of literally trying to understand, read between the lines.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You’ll be asked about your credo, and though you’re ready with an answer, the question makes you pause. You may realize that you don’t think the same way you used to. Get clear about your new beliefs.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Sure, you’re turbocharged now, but you can’t do everything on the schedule without help. Loved ones make plans that include you, which may seem presumptuous at first. In the end, you’ll actually like what you’re asked to do.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Devoted to the finer things in life, today, you’re a regular bon vivant! However, you’ll derive the most joy from family time. Who better to pass on all your knowledge and passions to than your own child?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You’ll be tempted to make appointments with people who have the fast fix for your life, but resist. These methods prove to be costly and ineffective. Use inner wisdom and the help of old friends as your guide.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A curtain closes, and a new scene begins. Suddenly, life has an air of the fabulous, like a clever series of vignettes. Friends want your point of view, so offer up personal accounts of love, life and everything in between.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You are accustomed to marching out of step, so the zany things you have to do to make your life work this season almost seem par for the course. Never mind, tomorrow or the day after, you will be back to normal.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Yours is a fast-paced, caffeine-fueled experience. Put the spotlight on the silly, cute and stylish things you see. Make plans to be around someone who is almost always engaging and often entertaining.

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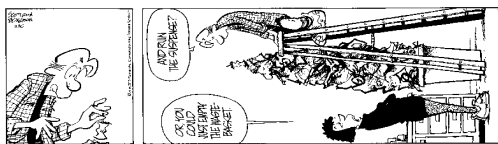
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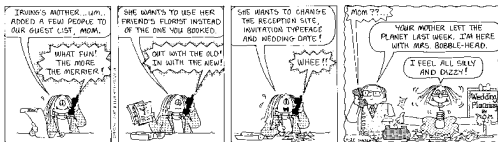
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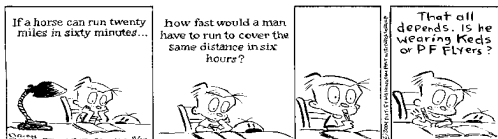
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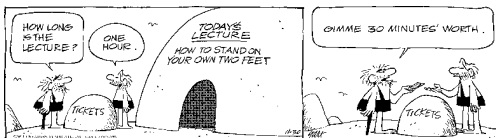


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Eugene Sheffer Crossword

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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I HAVE TO ADMIT I LOVE WINNIE-THE-POOH CHARACTERS. WOULD YOU SAY I'M TIGGER-HAPPY?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: P equals T

Nude slumber is prevalent practice

Dear Abby: I'm writing in regard to the mother who discovered her 14-year-old daughter sleeping in the nude. I say bravo to that mother and father for creating a home where the girl felt safe enough to sleep that way.

When I was young, I had an older brother who harassed me. I slept with my ears alert and covers up to my nose. I have been through two divorces — and I wouldn't have allowed myself to be caught sleeping in the nude by either of my husbands. They might come home or wake up in a rage, and I needed to be prepared for whatever might happen.

I now have a husband with whom I'm completely relaxed — so I no longer feel the need to wear anything in bed. I keep a robe at bedside for emergencies, but I now sleep comfortably without nightclothes that wrap around my legs or cut off the

circulation in my arms. *Sleeping Well in Topeka* Dear Sleeping Well: I have always considered wearing (or not wearing) clothing in bed to be a comfort issue. It hadn't occurred to me that it might reflect a measure of emotional security.

Dear Abby



Read on:

Dear Abby: The letter from the "Worried Mom" made me laugh, remembering when I was in high school. A group of friends and I decided to "kidnap" four other friends and take them out for breakfast before school. We surprised them in their beds, intending to take them out in public in their pajamas.

All was well until the third house. Like the girl in the letter, our friend "Angie" slept in the nude. I have never seen anyone blush harder than she did that morning.

— Christa in Salt Lake City
Dear Christa: I guess the "surprise" was on YOU.

Dear Abby: I suspect that "Worried Mom" reacted so strongly because she's terrified of her daughter's awakening sexuality, and Mom equates nudity with sex, and sex is "wrong."

Now Mom has two tasks ahead of her. The first is to overcome her own hang-ups. The second is to have a frank discussion with her daughter about how to protect herself in sexual situations. Please tell her to stop worrying.

Sleeping nude IS more comfortable.

— Does it Too, Columbia, S.C.
Dear D.I.T.: What was it that Marilyn Monroe used to say? At bedtime her preferred attire was Chanel No. 5.

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Yesterday's Jumbles: ENVOY RHYME HELMET WEEVIL. Answer: The clock maker stayed late because he enjoyed working — "OVER TIME"

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Argrison



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Dinner is no place for nose exam

Dear Annie: Recently at a family dinner, we had finished eating but were still sitting at the table. My daughter-in-law reached over and plucked a hair out of my son's nostril, held it up, examined it and then brushed it off onto the floor.

Apparently, the hair had been firmly attached, because my son jumped about six inches. There was this big silence, but then conversation resumed, and no one said anything more about it.

I've seen the lady pinch my son's arm before, and, of course, her mouth never stops, especially in front of their children, but I thought this was a particularly inventive level of public bullying.

What do you think?

Ticked Off Dear
Ticked Off: OK, NOW we've heard everything. Ick. Your daughter-in-law is overly proprietary toward her husband, and plucking anything out of some-

Annie's Mailbox



one else's body at the dinner table is appalling ill-mannered. Nonetheless, your son (not you) should be the one to tell his wife to keep her follicle-pickin' hands to herself, before she decides to clean his ears, too.

Dear Annie: You printed a letter saying that a verbal thank-you was sufficient if bread shower gifts were opened in front of the givers.

I disagreed strongly and wrote to tell you so. You sent back an e-mail, informing me that your etiquette information came from Emily Post and if I took issue with it, to contact Peggy Post, who has taken over writing the etiquette book. (She's married to Emily Post's great-grandson.) So I did.

After waiting many weeks to hear back from the Emily Post Institute, I finally received a reply. It seems they have changed their advice. Please tell

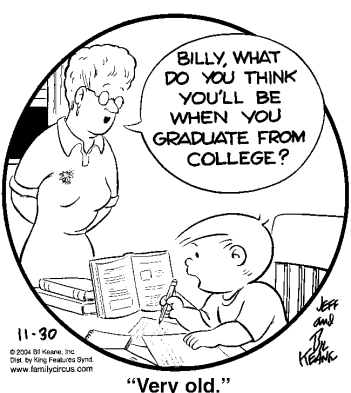
everyone.

— Concerned in Alabama
Dear Concerned: We don't make the rules, we just print them. We, too, contacted the Emily Post Institute and were told that it has recently published a new, updated book: "The 17th Edition of Emily Post's Etiquette" by Peggy Post (Publisher: HarperCollins. Price \$39.95. In Canada, \$56.95) says that a written thank-you is now preferred, even if the giver was thanked personally at the show-er.

The reason given is that most people these days expect written thank-you notes for shower gifts, and showers have grown into grander affairs than in years past, with more guests and more elaborate gifts making it difficult for the honoree to sufficiently extend her thanks in person.

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Family Circus

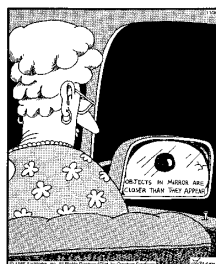


Dennis the Menace



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The Far Side



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Washington holds back the Tide

Play of Conroy, Simmons keys Huskies' win over Alabama

The Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Washington guard Nate Robinson was held seven points below his season average against No. 19 Alabama. It turns out the

22nd-ranked Huskies have a wealth of players in the backcourt.

Point guard Will Conroy scored 18 points, and Tre Simmons — starting in place of injured Brandon Roy — added 15 to help Washington beat Alabama 79-76 Saturday night in the championship game of the Great Alaska Shootout.

Robinson finished with 16 points and was selected the tournament's outstanding player.

Washington (4-0) led throughout the second half but barely escaped overtime when Alabama's Kennedy Winston missed a wild three-pointer from near midcourt at the buzzer.

The Huskies returned all five starters and their top seven scorers from last season's NCAA tournament team.

"Things as a team," Washington coach Lorenzo Roman said, "Our guys have bought into team, and we talk about [how] it is amazing what can be accomplished when you get the credit. Our guys have done a good job of that."

"Every guy's matured. Every guy's having more fun. I mean, you can see it all the way down the bench, all the way to our managers. Everybody's face has this special glow to it."

Conroy, who also had six assists, hit consecutive three-pointers down the stretch when Alabama (4-1) threatened.

"He has single-handedly won games for us over the last few years," Roman said. "Second half, he hits one, then he hits two ...



Alabama's Chuck Davis, left, tries to block a shot by Washington's Bobby Jones in the first half of Saturday night's championship game of the Great Alaska Shootout. No. 22 Washington beat No. 19 Alabama 79-76.

When he starts going like that, we give him the total freedom to make plays. So we didn't cut anything, because he's perfectly capable of getting his own shot within the structure of what we're doing when he gets going."

Chuck Davis led Alabama with 23 points and 19 rebounds and Earnest Shelton added 17 points.

"I think the story line tonight was the way Washington shot the ball," Alabama coach Mark Gottfried said. "They made big shot after big shot. They made shots when they needed to make them."

No. 6 Oklahoma St. 73, Sam Houston St. 57: At Stillwater, Okla., Joey Graham scored 25 points, John Lucas III added 17 and Oklahoma State recovered from a subpar first half to beat Sam Houston State.

Graham scored 18 points in the second half, and Lucas had 14 of his 17 after the break to help the Cowboys (3-0) overcome a six-point halftime deficit.

Othello Alford had 13 points for led Sam Houston State (1-4),

which built a surprising 30-22 first-half lead before the Cowboys got the final basket of the period.

No. 16 Pittsburgh 93, Loyola, Md. 57: At Pittsburgh, Chevon Troutman and Chris Taft dominated much-smaller Loyola, Md., inside at both ends of the floor and Pittsburgh cruised to its third consecutive victory against weak opposition.

The 6-foot-10 Taft and the 6-foot-7 Troutman were in control from the start against Loyola (0-3), which hasn't had a winning season since going to the NCAA tournament in 1994 under current Wake Forest coach Skip Prosser.

Troutman finished with 17 points and six rebounds and Taft had 12 points and eight rebounds.

Antonio Graves, sidelined for Pittsburgh's opener with a sore ankle, added 12 points and Ronald Ramon and Yuri Demetrius scored 10 each.

Penn State 75, No. 20 Wisconsin 61: At Malibu, Calif., Glen McGowan scored 29 points to help Pepperdine beat Wisconsin for its fourth straight victory.

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Duke trims Greensboro to set stage for Mich. St.

The Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. — Duke got the tuneup it needed before facing Michigan State.

Shelden Williams had 16 points and 11 rebounds Saturday night, one of six Blue Devils in double figures in a 98-44 rout of North Carolina-Greensboro.

Daniel Ewing and J.J. Redick also scored 16 points for Duke's 9 Blue Devils (3-0), who built a 20-point lead midway through the first half and were unchallenged thereafter by their inexperience from the Southern Conference.

It was a good way to rebound from an off night in a 74-61 defeat of Davidson, also from the Southern Conference. And for a team that came in shooting just 41 percent this season, it was a confidence boost before hosting No. 10 Michigan State (hosting No. 10 Michigan State) on Tuesday night.

"We wanted to use this game as a way to gain momentum for the rest of the week," Redick said.

The Blue Devils had won the previous four over UNC-Greensboro (2-1) by an average of nearly 20 points, but their inexperience Saturday night meeting into a collection of highlight-reel moments. Duke shot 53 percent, hit 15 three-pointers and turned over 14. It was a game of turnovers or size and athleticism to smother the Spartans.

The Blue Devils held UNC-Greensboro to 30 percent shooting in the first half, but their defense turned just about every possession into an adventure. By the time it was over, UNC-Greensboro had more turnovers (24) than field goals (18).

UNC-Greensboro came in with four players averaging in double figures, but Kyle Hines' nine points was the highest against Duke.

The Spartans also went 0-for-5 from behind the arc, marking the first time in 14 games since 1944 that the Spartans failed to hit a three-pointer.

Against Davidson, Duke withheld a 20-point lead during the first half, but it was a late game, late run put the game away. In the days since, the team had worked on shooting the ball with more confidence.

"In the past couple of games I think a lot of times we're putting too much pressure on our shots," said Shaquille Randolph, who had 11 points and seven rebounds. "Just shoot it confidently and don't hope, but think that it's going in."

The plan worked. Ewing and reserve Lee Melchioni each went 4-for-6 from behind the arc, while Redick and Sean Deshayre each hit multiple three-pointers. Redick also finished with a career-best eight assists, part of Duke's ability to move the ball and take advantage of a scrambling Greensboro defense that just couldn't match up.

"They're a team that's very difficult to put a game on together because there are so many ways they can hurt you," Spartans coach Fran McCaffrey said.

VMI gets first-ever victory over Navy

The Associated Press

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — Levar Joseph scored 18 points as Virginia Military Institute upset Navy 74-53 on Sunday, the Keydets' first-ever victory over the Midshipmen.

Joseph and Matt Coward each made two free throws in the final 14 seconds to prove the Keydets' slim lead and help break a 21-game Navy winning streak in the series.

Coward, who finished with 16 points, converted 12 of 14 free throws for the Keydets (2-0). Reggie Williams added 14 points.

Navy (2-2) led 58-50 with 10:02 to play, but the Keydets outscored



the Midshipmen 21-5 over the next eight minutes to force a 71-63 advantage with 1:53 to play.

Matt Fannin recorded his first career double-double and led Navy with career highs of 20 points and 13 rebounds. Taj Matthews also posted a career high with 19 points.

Larame Mergerson scored 10 points for the Midshipmen before leaving with an injury with 14 minutes to play and didn't return.

The Midshipmen missed 23 of 26 three-point attempts and shot just 38 percent overall for the game.

Navy was up 35-34 at the half and the score was tied 47-47 before the Midshipmen went on a 9-1 run for a 56-48 lead early in the second half.

New Hampshire 77, Army 71: At Durham, N.H., Jermaine Anderson turned a crucial steal late in the game into a three-point play, helping New Hampshire hold off Army.

With Army (0-4) threatening to tie the game during the final minute, Anderson stole the ball from Lance Dietz and drove the

length of the court for a layup. Fouled on the play, he made the free throw to complete a three-point play and pad New Hampshire's margin to six points.

New Hampshire's victory overshadowed a 34-point effort by Matt Bell, who made four of nine three-point attempts and nine of 17 shots overall and also converted 12 of 13 free throws. He had the Army with five assists and had five rebounds.

Both teams shot 50 percent from the field, but New Hampshire (3-1) was able to get off 10 more field goal attempts by forcing Army into 24 turnovers while committing only 14.

E. Washington knocks off No. 1 S. Illinois

Six-time champ Georgia Southern is beaten at home; Atlantic 10 advances four teams to I-AA Final Eight

The Associated Press

CARBONDALE, Ill. — Erik Meyer threw a 45-yard touchdown pass to Eric Kimble with 1:49 left and Eastern Washington beat top-ranked Southern Illinois 35-31 on Saturday in the first round of the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs.

Eastern Washington (9-3) will face Sam Houston State in the quarterfinals. Sam Houston routed Western Kentucky 54-24.

Meyer, who completed 31 of 44 passes for 437 yards, brought Eastern Washington back from a 17-7 halftime deficit and a 24-14 hole midway through the third quarter. His third TD pass of the game to Kimble capped a five-play, 75-yard drive that took just 42 seconds.

Kimble caught 11 passes for 195 yards as Eastern Washington handed Southern Illinois its second loss in 12 games.

In other games Saturday:

New Hampshire 27, Georgia Southern 23. At Statesboro, Ga., R.J. Harvey gave New Hampshire its first lead on a 52-yard run early in the fourth quarter and the Wildcats made it stand up.

The Wildcats (10-2) trailed 21-6 early in the second quarter but scored the game's last three touchdowns, handing Georgia Southern (9-3) the first first-round defeat in the school's proud history.

The Eagles, making their 15th playoff appearance, have won the Division I-AA championship six times.

New Hampshire joined Atlantic 10 members Delaware, William & Mary and James Madison in the quarterfinals, the first time

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a conference has had four teams advance that far in the Division I-AA playoffs.

Sam Houston St. 54, W. Kentucky 24. At Huntsville, Texas, former Texas A&M quarterback Dustin Long was 30-for-43 for 323 yards and four touchdowns for Sam Houston State (10-2).

Justin Haddix was 14-for-26 for 242 yards with two touchdowns and an interception for Western Kentucky (9-3).

Montana 56, Northwestern St. 7. At Missoula, Mont., Lex Hilliard ran for 171 yards and four touchdowns, and Craig Oches passed for 234 yards and three scores for Montana.

The Grizzlies (10-2) will face New Hampshire at home in the quarterfinals.

The 56 points were the most allowed by Northwestern State (8-4) since it became a I-AA school in 1977. Montana had 543 yards in total offense against the Demos, who led I-AA in total defense, allowing opponents just 250 yards per game this season.

William & Mary 42, Hampton 35. At Williamsburg, Va., Dominique Thompson caught two touchdown passes and returned a kickoff 92 yards in the fourth quarter to put William & Mary ahead for good.

Thompson had 118 receiving yards, Lang Campbell was 23-of-37 for 294 yards and Elijah Brooks ran for 120 yards for the Tribes (10-2).

William & Mary advanced to play Delaware.

Hampton finished the season 10-2.

Delaware 28, Lafayette 14. At Newark, Del., quarterback Sonny Riccio ran for two touchdowns, and Garron Bible returned a fumble 87 yards for a late touchdown for Delaware (9-3).

Omar Cuff ran for 109 yards for the Blue Hens.

Lafayette finished the season 8-4.

Furman 49, Jacksonville St. 7. At Greenville, S.C., former Florida starter Ingle Martin threw four touchdowns passes to lead Furman to its first I-AA playoff victory in three years.

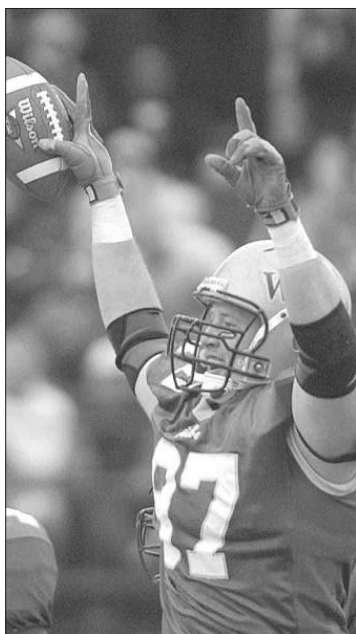
Furman, the 1988 national champs, hadn't won a playoff game since reaching the title game in 2001. The Paladins (10-2) will face James Madison in the quarterfinals.

Martin's touchdown passes gave him a school-record 21 for the season, surpassing the mark of 19 set by Furman coach Bobby Lamb in 1984. He also matched Lamb's record of four touchdowns throws in a playoff win over Rhode Island in 1985.

James Madison 14, Lehigh 13. At Bethlehem, Pa., Raymond Hines ran for 193 yards and a touchdown for James Madison (10-2). Quarterback Justin Rascati was 9-for-14 for 122 yards and also scored on a 9-yard run as James Madison advanced to the second round of the playoffs against Furman.

Mark Borda was 23-for-36 for 215 yards for Lehigh (9-3).

Rascati's TD run capped a 14-play, 91-yard drive in the first quarter and Hines got the final yard in a 14-play, 65-yard drive that put James Madison ahead for good at 14-10 with 61 seconds left in the half.



William and Mary's Adam O'Connor rejoices after recovering a fumble during the fourth quarter of Saturday's 42-35 victory over Hampton.

Grand Valley ousted in II; Mount Union rolls in III

The Associated Press

GRAND FORKS, N.D. — Backup quarterback Chris Belmore scored on a 2-yard run with 4:59 left and North Dakota beat two-time defending NCAA Division II champion Grand Valley State 19-15 in a quarterfinal playoff game Saturday.

Adam Wolff recovered a fumble at the Grand Valley 29 to set up the winning TD for North Dakota (11-2). Cullen Finemarty threw two touchdowns passes for the Lakers (10-3), who had won 10 straight playoff games.

The Sioux, who ran their home winning streak to 18 games, host Pittsburg State next week in the semifinals.

Pittsburg St. 50, NW Minnesota 36. At Pittsburg, Kan., Neil Philpot ran for 131 yards and passed for 30, and Germaine Race rushed for 130 yards for top-ranked Pittsburg State (13-0).

The Gorillas broke a 118-year-old NCAA all-division

NCAA II-III playoffs

scoring record, finishing the game with 774. Harvard set the previous record of 765 in 1886 in a 14-game season.

Northwest Missouri finished the season 12-2.

West Chester 48, East Stroudsburg 38. At East Stroudsburg, Pa., Osagie Osunde ran for 144 yards and three touchdowns, and Bob Findora was 18-of-25 for 338 yards and four TDs for West Chester (11-3).

West Chester will face Valdosta State in the semifinals.

Jim Terwilliger was 15-of-25 for 309 yards and four TDs and rushed for 82 yards on 15 carries for East Stroudsburg (10-2).

Valdosta St. 38, Albany St. 24. At Albany, Ga., Vincent Brown ran for one touchdown and caught a pass for another to help Valdosta State (12-1) over-

come a 24-point halftime deficit to end Albany State's 19-game winning streak.

Brown had 66 of his team's 161 yards on the ground, including a 1-yard touchdown run in the second half, while Fabian Walker threw for 203 yards and a touchdown, including a 26-yard strike to Brown.

Albany State, which beat Valdosta State 24-22 in the season opener, finished 11-1.

Division III

Mount Union 27, Wheaton 6. At Alliance, Ohio, Jeff Strauch ran for 206 yards and two scores, and quarterback Zac Bruney rushed for 45 yards and a touchdown to help Mount Union beat Wheaton in the second round of the NCAA Division III playoffs.

Mount Union (11-0) ran 46 times for 399 yards — an average of 8.7 yards — while holding Wheaton (9-2) to 123 yards on 51 carries.

Mount Union, which has won

seven Division III titles since 1983, advanced to play Carthage in the quarterfinals. Carthage beat Wooster 14-7.

Carthage 14, Wooster 7. At Wooster, Ohio, Luke Thompson returned the opening kickoff 94 yards for a touchdown and Jim Cichon scored on a fumble recovery for Carthage (11-1).

Linfield 52, Wisconsin-La Crosse 14. At McAdams, Wis., Brett Elliott passed for 456 yards and five touchdowns and Casey Allen caught eight passes for 168 yards and two TDs for the Wildcats (10-0), who play Occidental in the quarterfinals.

Occidental 42, Concordia-Moorhead 40. At Fargo, N.D., Occidental (10-1) forced Concordia's Brian Schumacher to fumble on a 2-point conversion attempt with 2:54 left. Schumacher's 15-yard TD pass to Shawn Reile had brought Concordia (11-1) within reach of a tie to force overtime.

Rowan 45, Hobart, N.Y. 14. At Glassboro, N.J., Mike Ornel threw three touchdown passes and Pat Thompson ran for 153 yards and two scores for Rowan (9-2), which faces Delaware Valley in the quarterfinals.

Delaware Valley 26, John Fisher 20. At Doylestown, Pa., Adam Knoblauch scored on a 2-yard run with 9 seconds left to lead Delaware Valley (12-0) to its 14th straight victory.

Mary Hardin-Baylor 42, Hardin-Simmons 28. At Abilene, Texas, Chad Starnes ran for 120 yards and two touchdowns and Josh Welch threw three TD passes for Mary Hardin-Baylor (11-1), which will face Washington & Jefferson in the quarterfinals.

Washington & Jefferson 24, Christopher Newport 14. At Washington, Pa., Chris Edwards threw for 293 yards and two touchdowns to lead Washington & Jefferson (12-0). Edwards completed 26 of 42 passes for the Presidents.

Baise St. finishes unbeaten, makes case for BCS

By COTY SONNER

The Associated Press

RENO, Nev. — Boise State coach Dan Hawkins figures his 10th-ranked and undefeated Broncos have done everything they can to make a case for a spot in the Bowl Championship Series.

"Unfortunately, there is a lot of politics. I'm not a great politician but our play speaks for itself," Hawkins said after his team beat Nevada 52-21 Saturday night for their 22nd straight victory.

Jared Zabransky passed for 244 yards and three touchdowns for Boise State (11-0, 8-0 in the Western Athletic conference), which has won 35 of its past 36 games.

The Broncos have a chance to play in the

BCS if California loses Dec. 4 to Southern Mississippi but otherwise are headed to the Liberty Bowl on Dec. 31 to face No. 7 Louisville in Memphis, Tenn.

"We've always wanted to play the best team we can and play in the best bowl we can. We'll see how things shake out," Hawkins said. "We controlled the things we can control. There are not a lot of undefeated teams still out there."

Safety Cam Hall returned one interception 52 yards for a touchdown and another 64 yards to set up a late score for Boise State, which claimed its third consecutive WAC title with its record 26th straight league win, dating to 2001.

"That is huge because you know every-

one's bringing their 'A' game when they play Boise State," Hawkins said.

Jeff Rowe passed for 245 yards and a touchdown for Nevada (5-7, 3-5), which suffered its first loss at home this year and hasn't had a winning season since 1998.

T.J. Acree caught six passes for 105 yards including an 11-yard touchdown. Zabransky completed 17-of-25 passes. Jon Hellmoldal rushed on runs of 5 and 4 yards and Lee Marks rushed for 93 yards on 15 carries for the Broncos, whose winning streak is the best in Division I-A.

"That is one fine football team," Nevada coach Chris Ault said. "They are certainly deserving of all the accolades. Any time you go undefeated, this is a very special team."

Ault was most impressed with the Broncos' run defense, which held Nevada to 70 yards rushing on 31 carries (Schneider, kick, 60).

"In my opinion, that is where their strength is," he said.

Broncos backup quarterback Legedu Naeue took the snap on a fake punt at mid-field and ran 34 yards to set up Zabransky's 15-yard TD pass to Jake Murray 33 seconds before the half for a 28-7 halftime lead.

Rowe threw a 10-yard TD pass to Adam Bishop to pull to within 28-14 early in the third quarter. But Zabransky passed 43 yards to Acree to set up Hellmoldal's first score and put the Broncos up 35-14 in the third quarter. Ninety seconds later, Hall scored on the interception return.

College football scoreboard

AP Top 25 faded

Press college football poll fared this week:

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No. 3 Auburn (11-0) not rated.

No. 4 Michigan (10-1) not rated.

No. 5 Tennessee (9-2) not rated.

No. 6 Florida State (10-1) not rated.

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No. 9 Texas (10-1) not rated.

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Chargers hurt Chiefs' playoff hopes

BY DOUG TUCKER

The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Strip away the great plays and the wild action and San Diego's 34-31 victory over Kansas City is reduced to a simple fact: big plays.

The revitalized Chargers (8-5) showed why they keep winning and the distraught Chiefs (3-8) showed why they continue to lose. San Diego made the big plays Sunday, got expert quarterbacking from Drew Brees and let tight end Antonio Gates and running back LaDainian Tomlinson carry most of the load.

The Chiefs gave up big plays, sustained costly penalties and turned the ball over at the worst possible time.

"Everybody got their money's worth today," said San Diego coach Marty Scottenheimer, whose Chargers were a league-worst 4-12 last year. "It was quite an exciting game." Nate Kaeding, set up by Tom Edwards' interception of Trent Green's pass, made up for missing two field goals with a tiebreaking 43-yarder with 2:24 left.

A few minutes earlier, Brees' 11-yard touchdown pass to Antonio Gates tied it 31-31 and capped a 71-yard drive that saw the Chargers overcome four penalties, including one that nullified Antonio Gates' 51-yard gain. Mak-

ing it possible was Kassim Osgood's 65-yard run-and-catch on second-and-22 from the Chargers 19.

"Kassim Osgood made what, in my mind, is as fine a play as I've seen in my entire career in football," Scottenheimer said.

Even more memorable for Chiefs fans was the Dante Hall show. The little return specialist, who took the NFL by storm last year when he returned five kicks for touchdowns, sped 77 yards with the second-half kickoff and was just a few steps from the end zone when the ball inexplicably popped out of his hands.

Jerrell Pippens recovered from San Diego on the 5, and a few minutes later Kaeding's 25-yarder tied it 17-17.

But in the fourth quarter, after Brees' 18-yard TD pass to Gates gave the Chargers a 24-23 lead, Hall took the ensuing kickoff, burst up the middle and led 96 yards to the end zone, tightly holding onto the ball all the way.

"The guys did a heck of a job blocking," said Hall. "There were two or three ways I could have gone."

He refused to make an excuse for dropping the ball on the first long run.

"I'm running and the ball came out of my hands," he said. "Those things cannot happen when



San Diego Chargers quarterback Drew Brees (9) looks to get by Kansas City Chiefs safety Willie Pile (35) during the first quarter on Sunday.

you're fighting to keep your play-off hopes alive."

Kansas City seems headed for its worst season since 1988.

"Something's not right this year," said Chiefs tackle Willie Pile. "It's been going on all year."

After Kaeding's 25-yarder tied it at 17, things started to get crazy.

Derrick Backlund scooted 22 yards for a touchdown and a Kansas City lead that stayed at 23-17 when Lawrence Tynes missed the extra point.

Back came the Chargers, who have won five in a row and seven

of eight, to forge a 23-21 tie when Gates beat backup safety Willie Pile on an 18-yard touchdown pass. Pile was playing in place of safety Greg Wesley, who injured his hamstring during pregame warmups.

"I think Willie Pile played pretty well overall," said Chiefs coach Dick Vermeil.

Brees was 28-for-37 for 378 yards and two touchdowns and has thrown 18 touchdown passes and only one interception in his last eight games. Gates had seven catches for 92 yards and Tomlinson had 46 yards rushing and 57 yards on 10 receptions.

NFL scorecard

American Conference

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	9	1	0	.909	264	171
N.Y. Jets	9	1	0	.909	212	165
Indianapolis	4	6	0	.400	190	183
Atlanta	4	6	0	.400	140	210
South	3	7	0	.300	227	239
Jacksonville	6	5	0	.545	182	208
Houston	5	6	0	.455	229	260
Tennessee	4	7	0	.364	207	243
North	10	1	0	.909	256	168
Pittsburgh	10	1	0	.909	204	140
Baltimore	5	6	0	.455	241	246
Cincinnati	5	6	0	.455	241	246
Cleveland	3	7	0	.300	225	255
West	3	7	0	.300	227	239
San Diego	7	3	0	.700	233	157
Denver	7	3	0	.700	233	157
Oakland	7	3	0	.700	233	157
Kansas City	3	8	0	.273	207	299

National Conference

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Philadelphia	10	1	0	.909	293	164
N.Y. Giants	10	1	0	.909	294	164
Dallas	4	7	0	.364	193	289
Washington	4	7	0	.364	173	194
South	10	1	0	.909	288	164
New Orleans	4	6	0	.400	211	238
Carolina	4	6	0	.400	221	238
Tampa Bay	4	6	0	.400	226	203
North	4	6	0	.400	231	262
Green Bay	6	4	0	.600	256	220
San Francisco	6	4	0	.600	256	220
Chicago	4	6	0	.400	174	212
West	4	6	0	.400	230	245
Seattle	4	6	0	.400	232	254
Arizona	4	6	0	.400	217	254
San Francisco	4	6	0	.400	217	254

Thursday's games

Dallas at Detroit 5

San Francisco at Houston 1

Philadelphia at Washington 7

Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants 7

Cincinnati at Cleveland 48

Carolina at Tampa Bay 14

Atlanta at Jacksonville 16

New Orleans at Atlanta 14

San Francisco at Seattle 14

N.Y. Jets at Arizona 14

Atlanta at New England 40

Baltimore at New England 40

Monday's game

St. Louis at Green Bay

Bengals top Browns in NFL's second-highest scoring game

The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Kelly Holcomb threw for 400 yards and five touchdowns — and lost.

Strange? That's only the start.

Cincinnati and Cleveland played the most remarkable game in their intrastate rivalry Sunday, a wacky 58-48 Bengals victory that turned into the second-highest scoring game in NFL history.

It started out as a referendum on the head coaches, and ended up trashing the teams' record books. The points came so fast it seemed a recount might be needed to determine who won Ohio's bragging rights.

The 106 combined points were the most in an NFL game since the Redskins beat the Giants 74-41 on Nov. 27, 1966, for the league record. The most since the NFL-AFL merger in 1970 was 99 — Seattle beat Kansas City 51-48 in overtime on Nov. 27, 1983.

Cincinnati's only bad throw made it decisive.

Cincinnati's Delta O'Neal returned an interception 31 yards for a touchdown with 1:43 to play, giving the Bengals (5-6) one of the most bizarre wins in their history.

Carson Palmer threw a career-high four touchdowns, and Rudi Johnson ran for 202 yards and two more scores. Despite those numbers, the Browns (3-8) nearly pulled one out for their embattled head coach by putting up some big numbers of their own.

Holcomb, who took coach Butch Davis to his best moments with the Browns in 2001, nearly got him a desperately needed victory.

Holcomb threw four touchdown passes in the second half, including a 1-yard toss



Cincinnati Bengals' Rudi Johnson ran for 202 yards and two touchdowns in the Bengals' 58-48 win over the Browns.

to Steve Heiden that put Cleveland up 48-44 with 10:22 to play.

Johnson's 7-yard touchdown sent the Browns to their fifth straight loss, one that's sure to turn up the heat on Davis. The team has fired to end speculation that he would be tried by saying he'll finish out the season.

Bengals coach Marvin Lewis also had a lot riding on the game. He screamed at his team following a loss to Pittsburgh last week, turning this game into a test of his credibility.

All Davis and Lewis could do was helplessly watch their struggling defenses give up one big play after another.

A Bengals offense that managed only two first downs a week ago in the second half against Pittsburgh ended up with its most points since a 61-7 victory over Houston in 1989, when Boomer Esiason was running the show.

The Browns lost despite their biggest offensive game since a 51-0 victory over Pittsburgh in the 1989 season opener, long before Art Modell moved his team to Baltimore.

No one saw this one coming.

The Browns' defense has been the only dependable thing during their skid. The Bengals' defense has grown up lately, giving up only two touchdowns in the previous three games.

Texans 31, Titans 21: At Houston, David Carr put together a huge comeback of his own after Brett Favre showed him how to do it last week.

Carr threw for 201 yards and two touchdowns and Domanick Davis rushed for a season-high 129 yards and a score to help the Texans rally from an 18-point deficit.

After allowing Favre and the Green Bay Packers to come back from a 10-point deficit in the fourth quarter for a win last week, Carr and the Texans staged an impressive imitation in rallying from the largest deficit in franchise history for a victory.

The Texans (5-6) ended a three-game losing streak and, perhaps most importantly to their fans, swept the season series from the team they replaced in Houston. Titans owner Bud Adams, who moved the Houston Oilers to Tennessee in 1996, took in the defeat from a luxury suite in the stadium Houston wouldn't build for him.

Houston also tied its win total from last season in its 11th game, a clear improve-

ment for the third-year team.

The Titans (4-7) dropped into sole possession of last place in the AFC South, likely ending their slim playoff hopes much earlier than expected.

Panthers 21, Buccaneers 14: Julius Peppers and Keary Colbert had their best games. Martin Gramatica had his worst, in another bizarre meeting between host Carolina and Tampa Bay — the NFL's newest rivalry.

Colbert caught a 40-yard touchdown pass, his second of the game, with 20 seconds to play to tilt the Panthers to their third straight win.

The Panthers (4-7) reacted as if they had just won the Super Bowl, wildly celebrating in the end zone. That's because no victory is sweeter than one against the hated Bucs (4-7), and this one put Carolina on the fringe of the NFC wild-card chase.

They did it behind Colbert, a rookie receiver, who had 72 yards on three catches — two of them were touchdowns. In addition to the game-winner, Colbert caught a 24-yard TD pass from Jake Delhomme on Carolina's opening drive.

Vikings 27, Jaguars 16: Randy Moss made a noticeable impact in his return for Minnesota. Most importantly, the defense made it count.

Moss caught a go-ahead touchdown pass in the third quarter, and Kevin Williams returned Byron Ellerbe's fumble 77 yards for the clinching score in Minneapolis.

Trailing 20-16 just before the 2-minute warning, with third-and-6 at the Minnesota 19, Leftwich had Jacksonville in position to take the lead after a sprained left knee kept him out of the last two games.

Rookie Kenechi Udeh sacked Leftwich from behind, the ball popped out and Williams picked it up on his way to an exhausting touchdown for the Vikings (7-4).

Barrera outslugs Morales

BY TIM DAHLBERG
The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Marco Antonio Barrera and Erik Morales put on a classic the first time they fought four years ago. They matched it again in their third fight Saturday night, only this time the result was different.

Barrera won a majority decision to take the WBC 130-pound title in a wild slugfest that was every bit the equal of the battle the two fought in 2000 that many declared the fight of the year.

After 12 rounds of almost non-stop action, Barrera held two fingers in the air to signify his second win in a row over Morales, who stared in disbelief as the decision was read.

"I did this fight to show all boxing fans that this is what boxing is all about," Barrera said.

The fight between the two Mexican warriors was their third in four years — with Morales winning the first and Barrera the second.

Like the first fight, this one was in doubt until the scorecards were read before a wildly enthusiastic crowd that filled the MGM Grand hotel arena.

Barrera was favored 115-113 on one card and 115-114 on a second. The third judge had it 114-114. The Associated Press also had the fight even, 114-114.

"My body didn't respond to what I wanted it to do," Morales said. "I don't know why."

Before a loud crowd that seemed split between the two fighters, Morales and Barrera gave them all something to cheer for in a fight that began at a furious pace and rarely slackened.

It was reminiscent of their first fight in 2000 in which the two boxers traded more than 1,500 punches before Morales won a split decision. They did the same thing Saturday night, but this time it was Barrera on top, just as he was in their first rematch two years ago.

Punch stats showed Barrera landing 290 of 765 punches to 231 of 808 for Morales.

"It was the most rewarding fight of my career," Barrera said.

Morales was a 3-1 favorite in a fight that matched two boxers



Marco Antonio Barrera celebrates his win over Erik Morales, of Mexico, after their WBC super featherweight title fight.

with no love for each other who both enjoyed big followings from their respective parts of Mexico. The animosity showed when Morales refused to touch gloves on several occasions and after the ninth round when Barrera threw a late punch and Morales had to be restrained from going after him.

When Barrera went over to Morales at the end of the fight to shake his hand, Morales threw water in Barrera's father's face.

Morales was bleeding from the nose from the early rounds and on his left eye was swelling by the eighth round from getting hit with left hooks by Barrera. But he gave as good as he got and the two stood and slugged toe-to-toe throughout the fight.

Barrera was fighting for the first time at 130 pounds, but he seemed to be the stronger fighter in the early rounds, landing some thundering left hooks to the body and head. Morales came back with straight right hands and both were willing to stand and mix it up with every punch thrown.

"I felt a little tight early, I couldn't get my jab off," Morales said. "I know I gave away a lot of early rounds."

Both fighters rocked the other with punches, but neither went down and both were fighting with the same intensity in the 12th round as they were in the first.

In the final two rounds, the two fought furiously as the crowd stood on its feet cheering them on. Early in the 12th round, Barrera seemed to slip and Morales went after him but he righted himself and did not go down.

Barrera seemed to tire in the final round, but the two were still swinging wildly as the bell sounded to end the fight.

Russia wins first Fed Cup

BY LEONID CHIZHOV
The Associated Press

MOSCOW — Russia edged defending champion France 3-2 to claim its first Fed Cup title Sunday, with Anastasia Myskina and Vera Zvonareva beating Marion Bartoli and Emilie Loit 7-6 (5), 7-5 in the decisive doubles match.

Russia had lost its four previous Fed Cup finals.

The two-day final was tied 1-1 heading into Sunday, and Myskina beat Nathalie Dechy 6-3, 6-4 to put Russia ahead 2-1. But U.S. Open champion Svetlana Kuznetsov wasted a chance to clinch the title, losing to 16-year-old Tatiana Golovin 6-4, 6-1.

Myskina had a hand in each of Russia's three points in the

best-of-five final. She easily beat Golovin on Saturday.

In the doubles, the French pair wasted four set points while serving for the opener at 6-5, and French Open champion Myskina converted a break point after the game's fifth deuce with a backhand winner. Russia trailed in the tiebreaker, too, but came back from 3-0 down and won it with an other backhand by Myskina.

In the second set, the Russians broke for a 6-5 lead, then served it out at love in front of a home crowd that included former president Boris Yeltsin.

Earlier, Kuznetsova struggled to hold her serve against Golovin, and committed 46 unforced errors only a day after making 77 mistakes in a three-set loss to Dechy to open the final.

"My tactics for the match were wrong and I didn't realize it during the match," Kuznetsova said. Myskina broke Dechy in the opening game and served out the first set.

In the second, Myskina broke in the first game again, but the Frenchwoman struck back. Myskina, however, broke again and kept attacking, not allowing Dechy to come to the net.

"I had no choice today but go on the court and win the match. The match was rather simple. There's no difficulty playing against Nathalie," said Myskina, who scored her fifth consecutive victory over Dechy. "Mentally I wasn't tired. It was more physical. I couldn't move on the court as fast as I did yesterday."

QB George ready to sign with Bears

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Jeff George plans to return to the NFL with the Chicago Bears, who hope the 36-year-old quarterback can strengthen an offense that lost Rex Grossman to a season-ending injury two months ago.

George hasn't played since the 2001 season when he was cut after two games with the Washington Redskins. He intends to sign with the Bears on Monday, a team source, speaking on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press on Saturday night.

George is expected to sign a one-year deal. He told the Chicago Tribune he will be happy with whatever role he plays on the team and already has been studying its playbooks all the same protections and pass routes after running 10 different systems in 13 years," he told the newspaper. "I really believe I can be ready to play in a couple of days."

The Bears (4-7) are expected to turn to third-stringer Chad Hutchinson on Monday and give him the start on Dec. 5 against the Minnesota Vikings.

After Grossman was injured in the third game of the season against the Vikings, backup Jonathan Quinn struggled, and was benched in favor of rookie quarterback Craig Krenzel.

In his last two games with Washington more than three

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years ago, George had a quarterback rating of 34.6, completing just 23 of 42 passes with three interceptions.

U.S. relay team loses medals

MONTE CARLO, Monaco — The United States was stripped of its 1,600-meter relay gold medal from the 2003 world championships on Sunday because of Calvin Harrison's second doping violation.

The gold instead goes to France, with Jamaica getting the silver and the Bahamas the bronze, the world governing body of track and field said.

Harrison was found guilty of using the stimulant modafinil at the U.S. championships in June 2003. He had contended that modafinil wasn't specifically mentioned on the official list of banned substances at the time.

Harrison had a chance to appeal the ruling, but the International Association of Athletics Federations said he is too late.

Ten years earlier, Harrison tested positive for the stimulant pseudoephedrine during the 1993 U.S. junior indoor championships and served a three-month ban.

At a two-time offender, the 400-meter star was suspended for two years in early August this year and dropped from the Ameri-

can team for the Athens Olympics. The U.S. Anti-Doping Agency also ordered him to forfeit his relay gold medal from last year's worlds in Paris, and all his results from the time of the test have been nullified.

Harrison ran the opening leg of the relay final. The other three runners — Tyree Washington, Derrick Brew and Jerome Young — will lose their medals, too.

Dodd edges Bjorn in China

SHANGHAI, China — Wales' Stephen Dodd won the China Open for his first PGA European Tour title, shooting a 4-under 68 on Sunday for a three-stroke victory over Denmark's Thomas Bjorn. Dodd, 58th on the European money list last season, had a 12-under 276 total on the Siltport course.

Bjorn, the top-ranked player in the field at No. 31, also shot a 68.

Oberholser wins in Korea

JEJU, South Korea — American Aron Oberholser earned \$1 million in the Shinhwa Korea Golf Championship on Sunday, closing with a 3-under 69 for a two-stroke victory in the first PGA Tour-sanctioned Challenge Series event in Asia.

Oberholser, winless in two full seasons on the PGA Tour after winning twice on the Nationwide Tour in 2002, had 1-under 284 total on the Jungmun course. He had five birdies and two bogeys in the final round.

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NBA scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division			
	Pct	GB	
New York	6	50.0	
Philadelphia	6	48.2	1.0
Toronto	6	40.9	11.0
Boston	7	36.4	15.0
New Jersey	10	16.7	4.0

Central Division			
	Pct	GB	
Indiana	8	56.7	—
Cleveland	5	54.3	—
Washington	7	58.3	1
Charlotte	9	49.2	—
Atlanta	2	11.4	15.0

Southwest Division			
	Pct	GB	
San Antonio	10	56.7	11.0
Dallas	10	56.7	11.0
Houston	9	53.7	6.0
Memphis	5	35.7	6.0
New Orleans	19	09.1	—

Northwest Division			
	Pct	GB	
Seattle	7	58.3	4.0
Minnesota	12	51.4	—
Utah	6	53.8	—
Portland	10	50.0	4.0

Pacific Division			
	Pct	GB	
Phoenix	8	54.3	—
Sacramento	8	46.7	7.0
L.A. Clippers	8	57.1	—
L.A. Lakers	11	53.8	—
Golden State	10	23.1	8.0

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Orlando	25	31.2	20-99
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Three-Point Goals—Philadelphia 7-15; (Korver 3-6, Jeter 1-7, Green 1-1, Salmons 0-1).			
Orlando 2-10 (Francis 2, Nelson 0-1, Garvey 0-2, Turkoglu 0-5).			
Fouled out—None.			
Rebounds—Philadelphia 58 (Jackson 11), Orlando 45 (Francis 10).			
(Version 10), Orlando 21 (Nelson 6).			
Technical fouls—Orlando 10, Philadelphia 3.			
Philippines—Philadelphia Defensive Three Second, Stevenson A-16,800 (17:46).			

Cavaliers 96, Bulls 74			
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Johnson 0-1 1-2 1, Curry 8-18 4-5 20, Chandler 1-5 4-8 6, Gordon 2-7 0-0 5, Griffin 2-3 0-0 4, Harrington 2-3 0-0 4, Platkowski 1-2 3-3 5. Totals 28-70 16-24 74.

CLEVELAND — James 11-17 3-4 26, Gooden 8-6 0-0 6, Ilgauskas 6-15 1-1 13, McInnis 5-8 2-3 16, Newble 1-5 0-0 2, Diop 0-2 0-0 0, Snow 4-2 0-0 4, Wagner 3-10 1-2 8, Traylor 5-6 2-4 10.

Chicago	17	20	15	22-74
Cleveland	21	28	27	20-96

1-2, Gordon 1-3, Deng 0-1, Hinrich 0-4), Cleveland and 8-18 (McInnis 4-6, L. Jackson 2-3, James 1-2, Wagner 1-5, Diop 0-1, Harris 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Chicago 43 (Chan-

ier 9), Cleveland 58 (Traylor 11). As-
sists—Chicago 17 (Hinrich 6), Cleveland 30
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Three Second, Cleveland coach Silas

Mavericks 98, Grizzlies 85

DALLAS	—	Howard	5-13	0-0	12,	Nowitzki	10-27	12-13	32,	Dampier	7-10	2-2	16,	Harris	0-4	0-0	0,	Daniels	1-2	0-0	2,	Terry	4-10	2-3	10,	Stackhouse	7-14	6-8	20,	Bradley	0-1	0-0	0,	Booth	0-0	4-4	4,	Henderson	1-1	0-0	2,	Totals	50-100	20-40	50
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MEMPHIS — Miller 8-14 2-2 20, Battier 5-11 2-2 13, Gasol 4-13 8-10 16, Williams 4-10 0-1 9, Wells 5-15 2-2 15, Watson 1-7 1-2 3, Wright 1-3 0-0 1.

Dallas	27	24	23	24	98
Memphis	30	28	16	11	85
Three-Point Goals—Dallas	2-13	(Howard)			

2-4, Harris 0-1, Stackhouse 0-1, Terry 0-3, Nowitzki 0-4, Memphis 7-25 (Wells 3-5, Miller 2-6, Battier 1-4, Williams 1-6, Watson 0-2, Jones 0-2). Fouled out—Dampier. Re-

bounds—Dallas 39 (Nowitzki 18), Memphis 49 (Gasol 13). Assists—Dallas 12 (Terry 4), Memphis 21 (Miller 7). Total fouls—Dallas 22, Memphis 26. Technicals—Dallas Defensive Three Second, Memphis Defensive Three

Second. A—18,119 (19,000).

Spurs 109, Jazz 76

0, Collins 2-6 2-2 6, Gირეკე 5-9 4-5 14, Arroyo 3-6 0-0 7, Bell 1-5 0-0 2, Easley 2-5 0-0 4, Har- spring 6-11 3-5 15, Okur 5-9 0-0 10, Snyder 2-3 2-4 6, McLeod 3-5 0-0 6. Totals 32-72 11-16 76
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SAN ANTONIO — Bowen 3-4 4-4 11, Duncan 4-10 4-7 12, Nesterovic 1-1 0-0 2, Ginobili 5-6 5-5 15, Parker 6-9 2-3 14, Udrih 3-6 1-2 9, Barry 3-3 0-0 2, Rose 4-6 8-8 16, Brown 5-7 3-4 14, Lopez 3-4 0-2 5, McGehee 3-4 2-5 11.

Utah	10	18	30	18-	76
San Antonio	28	26	27	28-	109
Three-Point Goals—Utah	1-3	(Arroyo 1-1)			

Sell 0-1, Snyder 0-1), San Antonio 5-12 (Udrih 2-4, Brown 1-1, Bowen 1-2, Horry 1-2, Ginobili 0-1, Barry 0-2). Fouled out—Collins, Boozer. Rebounds—Utah 31 (Collins 6), San Antonio 26 (Duncan 12). Assists—Utah 14 (Duncan 4),

As (Duncan 13). Assists—Utah 14 (Boozer 4), San Antonio 21 (Parker, Barry 4). Total Fouls—Utah 34, San Antonio 22. Technicals—Utah Defensive Three Second, Massenburg. A—17,543 (18,500).

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DENVER — Anthony 3-14 2-3 8, Martin 8-19 3-10 3, Gandy 5-10 1-1 12, Bugner 2-5 0-0 10

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Eagles feather their nest

Philadelphia soars to fourth straight NFC East title

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EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The Philadelphia Eagles won a fourth consecutive NFC East title by making Eli Manning look very much like a rookie.

Brian Westbrook scored two touchdowns and the Eagles' defense made life miserable for Manning and frustrating for New York Giants linebacker Barrett Green in a 27-6 victory on Sunday.

The Eagles (10-1) scored 20 second-half points and limited the Giants (5-6) to 47 yards in the final half in reaching the playoffs for the fifth consecutive year. The Eagles are the third team since the 16-game schedule began in 1978 to win a division title by its 11th game, joining the Chicago Bears in 1985 and the San Francisco 49ers in 1997. Chicago won the Super Bowl after the 1995 season.

The Eagles have reached the conference final the past three years, but have lost the title game each time.

David Akers kicked field goals of 47 and 42 yards early in the second half to give Philadelphia a 13-7 lead, and Westbrook iced the game with a 1-yard touchdown run and a 34-yard touchdown play on a screen pass.

Donovan McNabb, who was 18-of-27 for 244 yards, also scored on a 1-yard run for the Eagles.

Steve Christie kicked field goals of 22 and 31 yards for the Giants, who dominated the first half, but then came up empty in the second.

Manning finished 6-of-21 for 148 yards and two critical interceptions. He was also sacked five times and had trouble figuring where the Eagles were coming from.

The interception that really hurt came in the second quarter with New York trailing 7-6.

After Osi Umenyiora recovered a fumble by McNabb at the Giants 45, Manning and Jamaar Taylor combined on a 52-yard pass to the Eagles 3.

With first-and-goal, Manning threw a fade pattern to Jeremy Shockey and the pass was intercepted by Quintin Mikell, a horrible rookie mistake.

The second half belonged to the Eagles.

A 24-yard pass to the quiet Terrell Owens — four catches for 61 yards — set up Akers' 47-yard field goal.



AP photos

Above: Philadelphia Eagles running back Brian Westbrook, left, is congratulated by center Hank Fraley after scoring a touchdown Sunday. **Right:** Giants rookie quarterback Eli Manning completed only 6 of 21 passes and threw two interceptions in the Eagles' 27-6 victory.

Manning, under heavy pressure, had his pass intercepted by Brian Dawkins three plays later, setting up the second field goal.

Westbrook stretched the lead with his touchdowns, with the 1-yarder set up by Jevon Kearse's blocked punt.

Then came an ugly play near the New York bench in the fourth quarter.

Manning was hit while running out of bounds by Eagles linebacker Jeremiah Trotter and the officials threw a flag for a late hit.

Several Giants surrounded

Trotter and Green shoved the palm of his hand into Trotter's facemask. Green got a penalty and was ejected.

The Eagles moved the ball only once in the first half, but that seven-play, 53-yard drive was enough for a 7-6 halftime lead.

McNabb ignited the drive by breaking two tackles in the backfield en route to a 16-yard scramble. He capped it with a 4-yard TD run.

Manning hit Taylor on another 30-yard pass in the first quarter, setting up Christie's first field goal.



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